

## Democrats' Parley Looks Like GOP's

**Professional Politicians Dominate Chicago Convention**  
**ABSENT: THE PEOPLE**  
**Whole Works Are Cut and Dried from Start; No Excitement**

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)  
CHICAGO, July 14.—Professional politicians, business men, office-holders, Congressmen and Senators—these for the most part are the delegates assembled here for the Democratic National Convention which starts tomorrow.  
There is a distinct resemblance between the kind of delegates at this convention and at the Republican convention in Philadelphia three weeks ago—with the difference that for obvious reasons there are many more federal job holders here. Not more than a dozen representatives of labor organizations, mostly from CIO unions in Ohio and Pennsylvania, are present as delegates.

**FEW NEGROES**  
The number of Negro delegates also seems small. Negro Democrats who belong to the National Colored Democratic Association have been holding a convention of their own at an armory.  
And Negroes are seen in the fancy Lakeside Hotel on Michigan Avenue where most of the delegates are staying only on the rare occasions when they have special business with the resolutions committee.  
The very make-up of this convention indicates that the great mass movement of common people which gathered around President Roosevelt during the heyday of the New Deal is not represented here and plays little or no direct role in shaping policy.

Demands that this country keep out of the imperialist war in Europe, for the preservation of the civil liberties and the extension of the social service of the government have been heard.  
But these demands have been voiced not so much by large groups of delegates as by representatives of such organizations as the National Negro Congress and the American Youth Congress who testified before the resolutions committee which is headed by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York.  
Little interest has been shown by most of the delegates or even mem-

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## Transit Union Adopts Stand Against War

**International Board Says Defense Must Be Based on People's Needs**

[Full text of resolutions passed by the TWU Executive Board will be found on Page 3.]  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 14.—Declaring that there must be no intervention in the present European war, the International Executive Board of the Transport Workers of America, CIO, meeting here over the week-end, called for a program of national defense and peace as advocated by John L. Lewis, a program which "must contemplate not only the preservation and protection of our territorial integrity but must include provision for the fulfillment of social and political aspirations of a democratic people."  
The meeting condemned attempts to deport Harry Bridges and said that the passage of the Alien Bill now in the Senate, would mean the "suspension" of the Constitution of the United States and open the way for vicious attacks on labor leaders generally.

**PRAISE N. Y. FIGHT**  
BMT and IRT employees in New York were commended for their fight in enforcing the collective bargaining and contract rights of the 27,000 transit workers. The Board urged its affiliate members of Local 100, New York, to be ever vigilant in their hard-won rights are to be preserved and pledged its "unstinting support to any and all efforts which will become necessary to fur-

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## Five More Free On Bail In Pitts. Petition Case

**Win Reduction in Bond; Others to Be Freed in Few Days**

By David Lurie  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 14.—Despite a continuance of stalling by the District Attorney's office, George Powers, Ben Careathers, Joseph Fliner, Nalbro Frazier and Samuel Frishman, all members of the group of fourteen who appeared voluntarily last Monday in answer to the indictments in connection with the Communist nominating petitions, came out on bail late yesterday afternoon.

They were released in \$1,000 cash bail each which represented a victory for the Defense Committee since the exorbitant bail of \$5,000 had been demanded previously.  
Powers was released in time for him to walk into the studios of station KQV where a speech was being read for him. He took the microphone in the last minute of the broadcast and delivered a message to the members of the Communist Party listening in. Powers, who is district secretary of the Party and a candidate for state legislature, praised the work of the Party which had effectuated his release along with others and declared that District Attorney Andy Park thinks he can smash the Party but we are showing him that we cannot be smashed. He urged the continuance of the work to win better conditions and to keep America out of the European war.

**THREE OTHERS FREED**  
Three others of the indicted were free on bond this morning. They are Ben Findley, Abraham Lincoln Brigade veteran and candidate for Congress, Sam Antico and George Saunders. Saunders, a registered democrat and trade union leader, was released in \$2,000 bail. The others were released in \$1,000 cash bail each.  
Although bail was ready for Antico and Findley early in the morning, it was not before well after noon that they were released.  
Despite the fact that several had

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## Mother Who Killed 6 Children Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Louisa Nicolsa who killed her six children because she could not bear to see them starve to death on the inadequate relief allotted her by the relief administration, died at 2:45 A.M. yesterday in the prison ward of Fordham Hospital.  
She was alone when she died, her husband being unable to be near her after attending the funeral of his six children Saturday. The body was taken to Walter B. Cooke funeral directors who offered free burial for Mrs. Nicolsa as he did for the children.  
Funeral services will be held in Holy Rosary Church at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

## I. L. D. Wins Job Back for Spanish War Vet Fired From WPA Project

The case of Russell Dell, veteran of the Spanish Civil War, who was fired from WPA in Los Angeles on the grounds that he had lost his citizenship by volunteering to fight with the Loyalist Army in Spain, ended in complete victory last week, it was announced by the International Labor Defense which handled the case in its report on progress of test cases now pending throughout the country against WPA firings for political beliefs. Dell was reinstated.  
Dell's defense was based on the grounds that the WPA administration could not deprive a person of citizenship which it was in fact doing by firing him for his services in Spain. Moreover the I.L.D.

## 'Take Fund Drive to People,' Foster, Browder Urge Party

ON JUNE 15, State organizations of the Communist Party officially launched their financial campaigns to enable the Party to maintain and extend its vital functions in this historic period.

It is already evident from reports from all over the country that the fund drives are receiving the most enthusiastic support of the Party membership. The day's pay program is being carried out with alacrity and self-sacrifice. Many Party members are imposing upon themselves the strictest economies in order to give greater financial aid to the Daily Worker and the election campaign.

In the main, we have completed the first phase of our financial drive. We have established our right to ask others to give by having ourselves given.

### CALL ON PEOPLE

Now we call upon the general labor and progressive movement to help build the only anti-war fund in the country. We know that the people will support with generous contributions only those causes and struggles in which they believe. But we go to the people with our program in the conviction that it represents their profoundest interests. When we talk to you about the issues of peace, jobs and civil rights, it is in the knowledge that it is your peace, your jobs, your civil rights we are talking about—and fighting for. We make our financial appeal boldly, knowing that you are prepared to make great sacrifices in defense of your homes and democratic institutions.

The parties of reaction try desperately to drive us away from the people because they know full well that our struggles are the people's struggles, that our capacity for sacrifice is the symbol of the vast store

of proletarian energy that will one day be unleashed against the oppressors.

Every despicable method is used to silence our voice. Basic election laws are violated. The right of fair trial is denied those of our leaders and supporters who are arrested without just cause. Bomb plots are staged in Hitler fashion. Intimidation and coercion are replacing free speech and free assembly.

### MUST DEFEAT ATTACKS

But we can say, with the full support of history, that such assaults, unless hurled back by a united people, sweep into every humble home, omitting only the mansions.

The job of the Communist Party is to help build and organize America's defenses against Fifth Column treachery which would plunge this country into war and abolish civil rights. The key factor is the financing of the Daily Worker and the national election campaign. For it is through our central organ and our candidates for public office, that the fight for peace, jobs and democracy will receive the most concentrated and effective expression. Indeed, the fund drive is basic to all our activity.

The National Committee wishes again to thank the state organizations for offering to share in the support of the Daily Worker and the national election campaign. You have done a good job in the first stage of the fund drive.

Now, bring our financial campaign to your organizations, your shop mates, your friends. The speedy and successful fulfillment of our drive lies with the people. We can rely upon them!

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman.  
EARL BROWDER, General Sec'y.

## London Set for New Munich In China

**Reported Closing Burma Road Would Block All Aid to Chinese**

SINGAPORE, July 14 (UP).—The British government is prepared to go to the "greatest lengths" to avoid any action which might tend to "prolong the war" between Japan and China, S. W. Jones, officer administering the government of the Straits Settlements, said tonight in a radio speech.  
The address was understood to have been made with the full approval of the government in London.

Jones did not refer directly to Japan's demands for a cessation of shipments through British-controlled territory into Chinese territory controlled by the Chungking government but indicated that Britain would go far toward yielding to Japan's "requests."  
The address generally was interpreted to mean that a British-Japanese agreement regarding the entire Far East has been or soon will be reached.  
It was believed that Britain would agree to a stoppage of all supplies of a military nature entering China through British Burma.

Meantime, the Tokyo Foreign Office was expected to announce shortly the final results of its negotiations with Britain for a cessation of shipments of supplies to the Chinese government (in Chungking) through British-controlled territory.

## Warn of New Almazan Plot to Steal Elections

By Alfred Miller  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, July 14.—Supporters of General Juan Andreu Almazan, fascist presidential candidate who was crushingly defeated in last Sunday's elections, are provocatively issuing illegal "credentials" to 150 "deputies" to the National Congress of Mexico. Supporters of the oil trust this action in spite of the overwhelming vote for popular candidate Avila Camacho, who, according to the latest tabulation, received 2,265,000 votes to Almazan's 128,000.

Utterly disregarding the law, the Almazan group (Almazan's "National Revolutionary Union Party," or PRUN) publicly declares, "we are in a condition to assure the people of an absolute majority in the September 1 meeting of the Congress, which will swear in President-elect Almazan in December."  
This absurd statement is denounced as a declaration of rebellion by the Party of the Mexican Revolution (PRM), by the Mexican Federation of Labor (CTM), and by scores of individual unions and progressive organizations, who demand that the authorities immediately prosecute the PRUN leaders.

The police, searching the city yesterday for fake Almazan counting boards, arrested six men marking PRUN ballots.  
"What else, if not armed uprising, is Almazan staging," asks El Popular, editorially, "with these criminal proceedings? Who governs Mexico, the Cardenas government or the candidate Almazan?"

The official figures are still unannounced, but are not expected to differ greatly from the PRM figures.  
The political coalition supporting Col. Fulgencio Batista, Cuban "strong man," for the presidency, blamed the disorders on "systematic obstruction" by backers of Batista's opponent, Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin, former provisional president of the Island Republic.  
In Havana, Jose Ramon Sacrali, coalition congressional candidate, and two campaign workers were injured seriously when occupants of a car passing Sacrali's campaign headquarters opened fire on the trio. The gunmen escaped, but police later arrested four persons suspected of complicity in the shooting.

One person was injured in another political gun battle elsewhere in the capital.

### BURN POLLING PLACES

Some polling places were burned in Havana and Santa Clara provinces and telephone wires were reported cut in Matanzas and Oriente provinces.  
Balloting began at 7 A. M. At noon, coalition headquarters claimed that Batista's election by a landslide was assured.  
Batista, who until recently was army chief of staff, has been the central figure of Cuban politics since 1933. Throughout the campaign his election has been considered sure by observers here, although he has been a member of the Communist Party.

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## Friends of British C.P. Paper Move To Defend It

**Haldane in Letter Cites Results of Suppression in France**

By Philip Bolsover  
(Wireless to the Daily Worker)  
LONDON, July 14.—A warning today from the Home Office that the London Daily Worker may be suppressed has aroused wide comment.

A letter from the Home Office to the Daily Worker says that "the Home Secretary has had under consideration the question whether an order should be made against the Daily Worker under Defense Regulation 2-D, on the ground that there is in that paper systematic publication of matter calculated to foment opposition to the prosecution of the war to a successful issue."

The letter adds that the Home Secretary desires to avoid the suppression of the paper and therefore draws attention to the Defense Regulations. The communication states that he hopes "you will ensure that the paper is so conducted in the future that it is unnecessary for him to take action."

The Regulation referred to provides that if the Home Secretary is satisfied that there is in any newspaper systematic publication of matter calculated to foment opposition to the prosecution of the war, he can order the suppression of that newspaper and also any newspaper under any name which is a continuation in any respect of the suppressed publication.

### HALDANE REPLIES

In a letter replying to the Home Office, Professor J. B. S. Haldane, chairman of the editorial board of the Daily Worker, asked what items in the paper are regarded by the Home Office as calculated to foment opposition to the prosecution of the war.

"It is quite true," he wrote, "that the Daily Worker has systematically criticized the present government. The fate of France, betrayed according to the Times of June 27 by the timidity which all along forbade a heavily censored press to give the public the harsh and tonic truth, should be a warning of the probable fate of the British people if such criticisms are no longer permitted. If the Daily Worker is suppressed, many organized workers on whose skill and endurance so much depends and who form such a large section of its readers will feel that attacks have been made against them."

"Finally, the Daily Worker is the only newspaper which has consistently urged a policy of friendship with the Soviet Union. Its suppression would be regarded by many in this country as an act contrary to the furtherance of this friendship."

On the editorial board with Haldane are Sean O'Casey, well known dramatist; councillor Jack Owen, Manchester engineer, and R. Page Arnot, Marxist scholar.

Voluntary contributions to the paper beginning in January and ending in June totalled 13,268 pounds (a little less than \$65,000). The paper is now aiming to raise 2,500 pounds (about \$12,000) monthly.

Today's Home Office warning coincides with the attacks last week against the Daily Worker in the House of Lords.

## British Destroyer Is Torpedoed

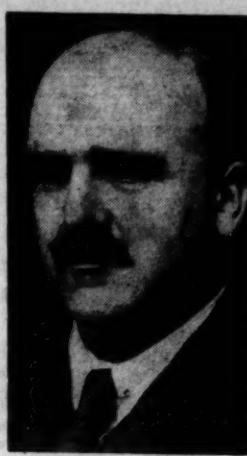
LONDON, July 14 (UP).—The 1,375-ton British destroyer Escort founded in the Mediterranean with a loss of two seamen after being torpedoed, the Admiralty announced tonight.

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## British, Nazis Both Claim Air Victory



J. B. S. HALDANE

## Italians Claim 2nd British Defeat at Sea

**Rome Paper Says Real War on England to Come 'Any Moment'**

LA LINEA, Spain, July 14 (UP).—Planes presumed to be Italian today bombed Gibraltar three times and apparently scored direct hits on the British battle cruiser Hood, world's largest man-o-war, and the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, it was reported tonight.

ROME, July 14 (UP).—Attacks by Italian bombers have driven British warships back to their bases at Alexandria and Gibraltar, at the extreme ends of the Mediterranean, and resulted in an "indisputable Italian victory," Gen. Pietro Mattei told the foreign press today.

With Italy assertedly in control of the Mediterranean and the "political lull" occasioned by the Berlin-Munich conversations now over, the newspaper Popolo Di Roma said that a direct attack against England by the Axis powers "will occur at any moment now."

The 34th Italian warship were bombed steadily all day yesterday. The communiqué described another heavy bomber attack on Malta, British Mediterranean base which the Italians say now has been made useless as a threat against Italy.

Mattei asserted that the Italian air force had carried out up to last night 50 separate attacks on the British Eastern Mediterranean squadron, inflicting heavy damage, and also had scored repeated hits

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## Churchill Says War May Last Two More Years

LONDON, July 14 (UP).—Predicting that the war is likely to go on for two years more, Prime Minister Winston Churchill asserted tonight that the British people are determined to defend their cities and towns street-by-street and even until they are "laid in ruins and ashes."

In a radio broadcast to the United States, Churchill said that Britain was "stepped and ready" for the greatest struggle of its long history.  
"All goes to show that the war will be long and hard. No one can tell where it may spread."

German quarters described the decree as meaning "the elimination of Jews from government posts."  
The newspaper Petit-Dauphinois of Grenoble, mouthpiece of the Petain government, said that the Ministry of Interior and French military authorities had instructed the Surete Nationale to launch the "purge" at Vichy and that the first suspects to be seized included about 20 persons "formerly seen in the lobbies of Parliament and the antechambers of the various ministries."

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## English Report Six German Planes Are Shot Down

**BATTLE IS FURIOUS**

**But Germans Claim Four Ships and Ten Planes**

LONDON, July 14 (UP).—The Air Ministry tonight claimed "its most extensive attacks against German military objectives since the start of the war and a victory over Nazi dive-bombers in a terrific air battle over the English Channel."

Six German planes, five of them "Stuka" dive bombers, were shot down by the British defenders in today's Channel air battle off the southeast coast where the raiders attacked a small convoy of ships.

The British lost only one plane, the Air Ministry said.

Swooping down on the convoy from great altitudes, the black-and-silver dive-bombers—used by the Germans for the second successive day on Channel convoys—released their huge bombs in the face of a blistering barrage of anti-aircraft fire.

Past British Spitfires roared across the coast and, with machine guns sputtering a steady stream of fire, pounced on the bombers and their escorts.

### FURIOUS BATTLE

Diving and zooming, slipping and spinning, the British and German planes fought along the coast and out over the Channel. Shore batteries and convoy-vessel guns blasted away at the raiders. Great puffs of smoke from bursting anti-aircraft shells dotted the sky.

The raiders began to climb rapidly to escape the fighters and the anti-aircraft shells. They headed toward the French coast with Spitfires riding their tails.

One of the dive-bombers faltered and spun toward the sea. It and another German bomber were believed to have crashed into the Channel. Two other Nazi planes were reported brought down on the coast.

It was believed that the British planes and guns had boosted the total of German planes shot down in seven days of intense air battles to 90. Twelve Nazi raiders were shot down Saturday by British defenses.

### EXPECT BIG PUSH

British air experts, reviewing the result of Germany's efforts to tighten the aerial blockade, feel out defenses and hamper war production, claimed "heartening successes" by the Royal Air Force during the past week but warned that Nazi air momentum will increase this week and possibly reach the climax of blitzkrieg pressure.

These experts estimated that the

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## Defense Head Warns Irish Of War Threat

**Aiken Says Eire Arming Against Both Britain and Germany**

DUBLIN, July 14 (UP).—Warning that all of Eire "may soon be the scene of military operations," defense coordinator minister Frank Aiken today told the Irish people to keep stout hearts and support Eamon De Valera's "isolationist" policy.

He warned bluntly that the war may be brought to the 26 counties of Eire, the former Irish Free State, at any time. He did not mention the possibility of a Nazi invasion and, like De Valera, implied that Eire is arming against both Britain and Germany.

"We are in a rather tight corner, but that is nothing new to us," Aiken said in a speech at Dundalk after De Valera's rejection of proposals by Britain and Northern Ireland for a program of joint defense against a possible German invasion.

Aiken announced that 125,000 men have joined the Eire defense forces in the past six months and that 25,000 have taken up arms in the past week.



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## ABOUT TO DIE

**By Janet Weaver**

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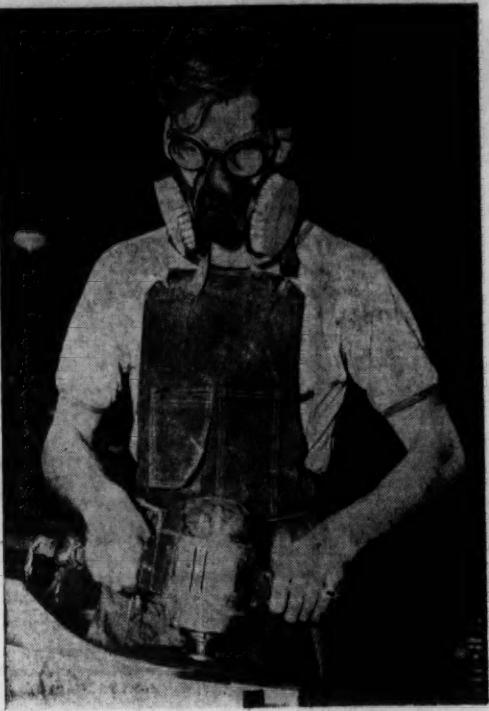
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**PLANEMAKER:** Garbed like a Man from Mars in overall, this man is making dies to be used in warplane manufacture. He is employed in one of the plants on the West Coast. The mask keeps out fine metal particles.

## NMU Strike Fund Now at \$206,726

Union's National Council Session Opens Today; to Hear Report of Growth of Defense 'Nest Egg' for 2 Years

The National Maritime Union now has a general strike fund of \$206,726.67 as of last Friday, M. Hedley Stone, NMU treasurer, announced yesterday, as 26 national officers and branch agents gathered here for the semi-annual National Council meeting in Manhattan Center.

The National Council will meet five days, beginning at 10 A.M. today.

The general strike fund was begun two years ago with \$5 assessments from the membership. By January 1, this year, the fund had grown to \$185,963.18, including more than \$5,000 in interest.

Since January 1, in accordance with a constitutional requirement, five per cent of all dues paid by the membership has been deposited in the strike fund. These deposits, plus interest, have brought the fund to \$206,726.67, the present figure.

According to the constitution, the strike fund can only be used to finance a general strike, affecting a major portion of the industry. Members working on inland rivers maintain a separate strike fund.

General strikes can be called only after approval by the membership in an industry-wide referendum. The NMU has never had a general strike since it was organized in May of 1937. Meanwhile the fund draws some \$300 a month in interest.

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their protect and retain these rights. Action of William Green to have the Wagner Labor Act amended was condemned as "traitorous" and which "would not only deprive labor of its hard-won gains, but would subvert an instrument designed to protect the rights of labor into an anti-labor weapon."

Application of the Clayton and Sherman Anti-Trust Laws against both CIO and A. F. L. unions and the jailing of union leaders was branded by the 18 members attending the meeting as a threat to labor and all the people. A resolution calling upon the Attorney General of the United States to intervene and halt the attacks upon labor and the civil and democratic rights of the people was adopted unanimously.

Among the board members present were Michael J. Quill, international president; John Santo, international secretary-treasurer; Douglas L. MacMahon, vice-president; Harry Sacher, general counsel, and Austin Hogan, president, Transport Workers Union, Local 100 of Greater New York.

**16 NEW LOCALS**  
The report of the secretary-treasurer showed that 16 new locals had been chartered since the last biennial convention held in Atlantic City, September, 1939. New charters were issued to locals of bus drivers, trolley car conductors, taxi cab drivers in Cambridge, Mass.; White Plains, N. Y.; Charleston, W. Va.; Stockton, Calif.; St. Charles, Va.; Fort Smith, Ark.; Williamson, W. Va.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Sitka, Alaska; Honolulu, T. H.; Muncie, Ind.; Delbarton, W. Va.; Huntington, W. Va.; Hazard, Ky.; New Kensington, Pa., and Fall River, Mass.

The Board meeting will make plans for an organizing drive and other campaigns as well as to adopt a position on the national political situation.

## IWO Raps Attacks on 'Aliens' and Minorities

Calls for Progressive Unity for 1940 Elections

The undemocratic and un-American attacks upon the foreign born and upon the civil rights of other minority groups are condemned in a recent statement issued by Herbert Benjamin, national executive secretary of the International Workers Order, for the general executive board of that organization. In this statement it is pointed out that "as a progressive, fraternal organization, composed primarily of workers seeking through collective efforts and mutual aid to promote their well-being and economic security, the International Workers Order cannot be indifferent to any threat to our civil liberties and democratic rights. We fully realize that the purpose of all repressive legislation is to divide and disrupt the organized efforts and insistence of the people, and especially labor, for peace and a greater measure of social security. This repressive legislation is designed for the sole purpose of imposing upon the people such conditions as they would not tolerate if permitted the free exercise of their democratic rights."

### MALICIOUS LIES

Citing recent attacks upon the IWO, the statement maintains that these attacks demonstrate how reactionary rivals and enemies of the IWO exploit the anti-democratic legislation and the war hysteria to spread malicious lies and rumors about the character and purpose of the IWO in order to impede the work and growth of that organization. There is no valid basis for the rumors that are being circulated to the effect that membership in the IWO may prevent non-citizens from becoming naturalized, or result in the revocation of citizenship. Nor is there any basis for the rumors that members of the IWO may be kept from employment on WPA under the terms of the 1940 Relief Act.

The statement further emphasized that "these rumors are malicious spread because we are a progressive labor fraternal organization and we and our members cannot escape reactionary attacks as long as trade unions and other organizations with progressive social aims are under attack. The only way we can avoid attack is by defeating the reactionaries who misuse their power."

It is also stressed in the statement that "the IWO is a legal organization recognized and chartered as such in the states where we operate..." and that "the mem-

## Threat to Artist Follows Somervell Mural Burning

August Henkel, painter of the murals which were burned as "Red propaganda" earlier this week, appealed today for police protection, following receipt of an anonymous letter threatening to "burn him out of Queens Village."

Mr. Henkel said that responsibility for the threat falls upon Colonel Brehon Somervell,

against whom the artist has already instituted a suit for \$100,000 for damages resulting from the destruction of his work. "Colonel Somervell's highly provocative creation of an imaginary 'red issue' in my work has produced this incitement against me," the artist said.

Describing the letter as "too obscene to appear in the public press," Mr. Henkel quoted some passages from it. The Christian Front and the KKK are frequently referred to with approval. One part of the letter says:

"We don't want you dirty lice in America, you know you bums can't win here why we'll even get Hitler and the good German bund to cut your throats."

Besides the four pages of writing, the communications sprawled over all available space on the envelope. The writer avoided obscenity on the envelope. Some of the statements on the outside are:

"Hell Hitler."

"If, stupid Roosevelt wants war, we'll start right here on all Com-mies."

The letter was postmarked Jamaica, July 11, 3:30 A.M.

## British Collect Aluminum Rods Dropped by Enemy

LONDON, July 14 (UP).—Viscount Beaverbrook's campaign for contributions of aluminum for use in aircraft production is being aided by aluminum rods dropped by incendiary bombs by German planes, it was said today. Survivors in bombed areas were urged to collect aluminum rods left after air raids and give them to scrap salvagers.

Members of the IWO know that there is a democratic, self-governed organization whose policies and program and principles are determined by the members themselves.

The statement ends with a declaration proclaiming the intentions of the Order to continue its efforts to promote social security through legislation and mutual aid, and to continue its firm opposition to any act which would lead the American people into war.

With reference to the coming elections, the statement declares: "In the crucial elections of 1940, our every lodge and member will be urged to join with progressive forces in the community to assure victory for progress and against reaction."

## TEXT OF T.W.U. RESOLUTIONS:

## Genuine National Defense Program Must Protect American Liberties

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 14.—At its closing meeting which ended here today, the International Executive Board of the Transport Workers of America, CIO, unanimously adopted resolutions urging America to stay at peace, condemning application of Anti-Trust Laws against trade unions, the deportation of Harry Bridges, and the traitorous acts of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in seeking amendments to the Wagner Labor Act which would deprive labor of its rights.

Complete text of the resolutions follows: The International Executive Board of the Transport Workers Union of America commends the successful outcome of the recent struggle of affiliate Local 100, Transport Workers Union of Greater New York, to preserve the collective bargaining and contract rights of the 27,000 I.R.T. and B.M.T. employees recently transferred from private employment into the service of the City of New York under the city's transit unification plan.

We express the keenest admiration and gratitude to President John L. Lewis upon whose efforts the agreement whereby the City of New York is now committed to recognize and abide by the labor contracts protecting the wages and other working conditions of such employees was signed by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia on April 2, 1940.

We further commend President Austin Hogan, the Executive Board and all members of Local 100, Transport Workers Union of Greater New York, for their loyalty and discipline during the many critical stages of the struggle to obtain full recognition and observance of their union and contract rights.

The members of Local 100 must be ever vigilant if their hard-won rights are to be preserved, and the International Executive Board here-

by pledges unstinting support to any and all efforts which will become necessary to further protect and retain these rights.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AND PEACE

The International Executive Board and the membership of the Transport Workers Union of America are unanimous in their desire for an adequate program of national defense and the preservation of peace as advocated by John L. Lewis, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

A genuine program of national defense must contemplate not only the preservation and protection of our territorial integrity but must include provision for the fulfillment of the social and political aspirations of a democratic people. Freedom of speech, press, assembly and religion must be preserved for all people in our country must be respected, and all limitations on the franchise must be removed. Our social gains must be preserved and extended.

The government must provide work for those of our unemployed who are not given employment by private industry. Wage and hour standards must be improved in accordance with the conception of an American standard of living. Lynching and other forms of criminal violence to life and liberty must be outlawed. Protection of the health of the people must be effected through national legislation. Adequate old age security and provision of opportunity for the youth of the nation must be attained.

The money necessary for the realization of such a program for national defense must be raised by taxation of those best able to pay. In no event must such a program be made a pretext for our intervention in the war now raging in Europe. Nor must it be made a pretext for invasion, by force of arms or otherwise, of any other

country in the world.

It is our conviction that such a program for national defense is the best guarantee that the people of the United States will remain at peace and will be safe from the sort of betrayal that the people of France suffered from at the hands of fifth columnists in high places.

### WAGNER ACT

RESOLVED that we condemn as traitorous to labor the amendments to the Wagner Act proposed by William Green and incorporated into the so-called Smith amendments now pending before the Senate; and that we vehemently oppose those and the other Smith amendments and all other attempts to emasculate the National Labor Relations Act, since such attempts would not only deprive labor of its hard-won gains, but would subvert an instrument designed to protect the rights of labor into an anti-labor weapon.

### "ANTI-TRUST" PERSECUTION

In the last few months labor has seen a dangerous drive directed against both CIO and AFL unions under the excuse of enforcing the anti-trust laws. The Clayton and Sherman Anti-Trust Acts have been used to attack trade unions, although both acts have specifically been understood as not applicable to labor unions, and as having been passed to check abuses of business monopolies.

While labor unions have been fined and their leaders sent to jail, large corporations, also indicted under anti-trust statutes, have escaped punishment through so-called consent decrees.

The International Executive Board of the Transport Workers Union of America hereby condemns the application of anti-trust laws to the detriment of trade unions and calls upon the Attorney General of the United States to halt such insidious attacks upon the civil and economic rights of labor.

## 1,000 City YCLers Greet Mother Bloor

Hail Her Untiring Fight for Jobs, Peace and Socialism

Mother Bloor, veteran Communist and member of the National Committee of the Communist Party was greeted on her 78th Birthday by over 1,000 members of the New York Young Communist League gathered at a city-wide leaders meeting last Monday night at Manhattan Plaza. The message read as follows:

"Heartiest congratulations to you Mother Bloor on this your 78th Birthday. We, 1,000 members of the Young Communist League gathered here at a City-wide leaders meeting salute you on behalf of our organization.

"Your untiring devotion to the struggles of the working class against the war makers and for security and civil liberties has been an inspiration to young people everywhere. To us, Mother Bloor, you will never grow old, no more than your cheerful leadership and your courage will cease to be a shining example to our organization.

"We wish you a happy Birthday and a long life."

## Elephant, Attacker of Keeper, Killed

PORT WORTH, Texas, July 14.—Sugar, a two-ton elephant which trampled her caretaker, was put to death last night.

Sugar never had been tractable and handlers said they had heard that malnutrition when she was a calf had something to do with her disposition. Since Sugar was brought to the Zoo here several years ago from the Wichita Falls Zoo she had tried many times to attack her caretakers, Queen Tuk, a larger elephant always kept an eye on her.



MOTHER BLOOR

## U.S. Opens Doors To Refugee Kids From War Zones

WASHINGTON, July 14 (UP).—The United States tonight removed quota limitations on the admission of refugee children from European war zones.

The only limits on entry of children from Great Britain and other threatened areas of Europe now are ships to bring them to America and assurance of American citizens that they will care for the refugees.

Visas and the necessary travel papers will be made available to such children under 16 years of age, the State and Justice Departments announced in a joint statement. Previous quotas limited immigration of refugees to about 6,000 a month.

## 60 Families Move Into Vladeck Homes

Housing Authority Says All Places Filled on 2 Projects

One hundred and forty-two low income families will move from the city's slums today into new apartment buildings in Vladeck City Houses on the Lower East Side, and South Jamaica Houses in Queens.

Sixty of the families will move into Building number 24 at 18 Jackson Street in Vladeck City Houses, and 82 families will move into two buildings at 107-47 159th Street and 108-46 159th Street in South Jamaica Houses.

The 60 families moving into Vladeck City Houses are the first to occupy that project, which is the first public housing project in the United States financed solely by City funds.

The 82 families moving into South Jamaica Houses will join 70 families who moved into the first complete building in that project July 2nd.

As rapidly as other buildings in both projects are complete, additional groups of families will move into them, the City Housing Authority announced.

Applications for the two projects have been closed, but applications are being accepted for a similar project, Kingsborough Houses, in Brooklyn, and for Clason Point Houses in the Bronx. Application blanks can be obtained from any of the projects of the New York City Housing Authority or from the Applications Office, 227 West 17th Street Manhattan.

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## A Nursery Could Have Kept This Harlem Baby Alive

Two-Year-Old Charles Mills Fell from Window Because His Working Mother Could Find No Place for Him

By Angelo Herndon

The death of two-year-old Charles Mills who fell four flights to the ground Tuesday afternoon at 410 Lenox Ave. has caused great concern among Negro working mothers of Harlem who have to leave their children in unsafe firetraps because they are not able to send them to pre-nursery schools.

The two-year-old infant crawled from his crib while Mr. V. Smith, husband of Mrs. Addie Smith who acted as guardian for the child, was sleeping. He climbed up into the open window facing Lenox Ave. and before neighbors could notify Mr. Smith, he had fallen to the ground shattering all bones in his body.

Mrs. Smith had taken care of Charles as an act of charity because his mother, Mrs. Juanita Mills, was too poor to care for him. She goes to business school and lives with her mother and brother in a small single furnished room at 2202 Fifth Ave. Both of them live on the meager earnings of their mother who works as a domestic servant down town.

### NEEDLESS DEATH

If Mrs. Mills could have afforded to pay the pittance sum of twenty-five cents a day to some private nursery, her son would still be alive. Working mothers of Harlem are unanimous in the feeling that this unfortunate death is but an example of the great hardships of thousands of mothers who have to leave their children unattended at six and seven o'clock in the morning to work until late hours in the night.

Facilities at the WPA Pre-Nursery School at 2085 Fifth Ave., which provides free service for working mothers, are so inadequate that there is always a long waiting list of children to be placed. This nursery is the only free institution in a large community like Harlem for the poor and underprivileged children.

**ONE WPA SCHOOL IN HARLEM**  
It is located in a dingy old-law tenement house with space for only 35 or 40 beds. Children under three years of age are not accepted, and funds are allotted by the WPA to provide salaries for the staff only. Rent, electricity and other expenses are met by a church which is sponsor of the project. It has been of such little benefit to the mothers of the community that most of them do not even know that there is such an institution where they can take their children without paying.

Of the 12 WPA Pre-Nursery Schools in the city, only one is located in Harlem. The other two nurseries, at 33 W. 133rd St. and 3 East 130th St., are private institutions which charge twenty-five cents a day for a child.

Because of limited resources, these two nurseries can only render services to a small number of working mothers. The Hope Day nursery on 133rd St. has been operating for 37 years under the joint directorship of a group of 35 Negro women who have kept it going without philanthropy or public aid. Though only 34 children are permitted each day, they receive the best of care and treatment possible.

Mrs. Harriet D. Hays, who is in charge of the institution, said that were it not for the efforts of Negro mothers there would hardly be any place in Harlem where Negro children could receive the care and attention which their mothers are unable to give them.

Every attempt has been made, she said, to secure public assistance for the extension of the project. But, she pointed out, "the government does not seem to be interested."

ed. We tried to get some aid from the WPA but there was so much red tape and hesitation that nothing was ever done. The WPA wanted to take over and supervise our institution. They agreed to pay salaries and leave all the other bills for us to pay. We did not accept it because we were already doing a better job in running it ourselves.

The WPA program for nurseries in Harlem has been almost a total failure because the people simply don't have the means to meet the requirements demanded before it will undertake to participate in the establishment of such institutions. Banquets and dinners have been organized at the Fifth Ave. nursery where people from the community have been invited and urged to supply the means or sponsor such projects which the WPA would graciously supervise. The people are vitally interested in providing adequate care for their children, but those who need the benefits of nurseries most and who are willing and anxious to cooperate with the WPA or any other agency, are poorly paid WPA and domestic workers.

## Protests Force Probe of Tenn. Lynching

**FBI Announces It Will Investigate Long Reign of Terror**

Under pressure of a storm of indignant protests from all over the country, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, through its assistant attorney general O. John Rogge, has been forced to state in a letter to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that it will investigate the criminal lynching of Elbert Williams whose mutilated body was fished up from a river near Brownsville, Tenn., several weeks ago.

Assistant attorney general Rogge, in his letter to the NAACP, July 12, writes that "you will be glad to know that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been requested to make a thorough investigation of violations of civil liberties of Negroes in Brownsville, Tennessee."

Since the names of two bank officials, a highway commissioner and police officers were named in a report submitted a few weeks to President Roosevelt and Attorney Jackson as the leaders of the mob that lynched Williams, Negroes of Brownsville have been undergoing a constant wave of lynch terror which was unleashed against them in early June when Negroes attempted to register to vote in the 1940 Presidential elections.

### Woman Dies in Fall

Mrs. Nell R. Goslin, Jackson, 41, was fatally injured yesterday in a fall down the cellar steps in the home of Dr. J. W. H. Randall, Bedford Hills, Westchester, where she and her husband were visiting. Mrs. Goslin lived at 82-80 116th St., Richmond Hill, Queens.

The case of Mrs. S. Brown who lives in the same house where little Charles met his death, is sufficient to emphasize the great difficulties of working Negro mothers. Her husband has been ill in the hospital for some time and she has to take her one-year-old daughter to a friend's home early in the morning in time to be at work by 8 o'clock. She has to call for the child every day when she comes from work. Out of the \$40 she earns every month she has to pay \$3 a week which does not include food for the baby.

When rent and other expenses are paid, of course, there is hardly anything left for her to live on. "I tried to get my baby in the WPA nursery," she said, "but there was no room when I went there. When my husband went to the hospital I just had to find somebody who would take care of my baby."

Many of the mothers interviewed expressed a keen desire for a community wide movement which would bring together all mothers in a fight for public aid in building nurseries for the thousands of unattended children of Harlem.

## Batista Takes Early Lead in Cuban Election

**Backers See Landslide; Several Killed in Disorders**

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though the presidency is the first elective office he ever has sought. The coalition supporting the former army chief represents every shade of political opinion from the Communists on the left to former President Mario G. Menocal's Democratic Republican Party.

### REACTIONARY BACKING

Grau San Martin's candidacy is supported by three major parties—his own Cuban "Revolutionary," the ABC and the Republican Action. There is a considerable rightist faction in the Grau San Martin camp.

In addition to the presidential elections, balloting for local officials and congressmen is in progress today.

The new president will be inaugurated on Oct. 10. New members of congress, provincial and municipal officers will take office September 15.

## French Begin to Ban Use of Gasoline Vehicles

MARSEILLES, France, July 14 (UP)—Prefecture authorities today forbade autobus and other gasoline-driven public service transport on Sundays and holidays as part of a campaign to intensify conservation of gasoline. After July 15 only authorized motor traffic will be permitted throughout France.

## Democrats' Parley Looks Like GOP's

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bers of the resolutions committee in the work of drafting a campaign platform.

It is generally believed that the platform has already been drafted under the personal supervision of President Roosevelt and will repose in Senator Wagner's pocket until the proper time, when it will be pulled out.

Whatever work the resolutions committee will do, will probably consist primarily of a technical and editorial character.

There does not appear to be much sharp difference of opinion between most members of the resolutions committee.

### SAY PEACE, MEAN WAR

While there may be some quibbling over the wording of the plank on the issue of war or peace, the general outlines which this plank will appear clear enough to most observers here.

On the one hand, the platform will contain an endorsement of the pro-war, pro-Allied, gigantic armaments building program of the administration.

And on the other hand, it is expected to contain a sop to the growing peace sentiments of the people with a vaguely worded "pledge" to keep out of war.

It is also expected that there will be considerable lip-service in the platform to the social objectives of the New Deal—which will have little meaning in view of the preponderant emphasis on spending billions for armaments.

Unlike the general run of conventions, there does not appear to be much excitement about the all-important question of picking the presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

### SURE OF FDR

The overwhelming majority of the delegates seem to be convinced that the President will accept the nomination and run for a third term.

Members of the President's official family such as Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins, Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, Attorney General Robert Jackson and Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles are already here.

Hopkins is reported to be acting as liaison man between the President and the third term supporters at the convention.

There is, however, more interest and jockeying for position around the choice of a vice presidential candidate.

Senator James F. Byrnes of South Carolina and Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana are the names most frequently mentioned for second place on the ticket. Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt is also making a frantic attempt to get the job of running mate for the President.

Although Wheeler and McNutt are formal candidates for the presidential nomination, they have both indicated their names will be withdrawn if the President accepts.

### FARLEY WILL TRY

National Committee Chairman James Farley told a press conference flatly this afternoon that his name will be placed before the convention whatever the President's decision.

Farley said that he would decline to release the Massachusetts delegation from its pledge to support him and would sharply oppose any effort to name the President by acclamation on the ticket before the first ballot is taken.

It is also possible that Vice-President Gardner's name will be presented to the convention even if the President runs.

The chief importance of having these candidates in the field will be to mar the semblance of unity around President Roosevelt for a third term.

Garner and Farley supporters here consist for the most part of those who believe that the Administration should move more quickly in scuttling social reform and suppressing civil liberties.

**NEGRO CONGRESS DEMAND**  
A strong demand for a plank in the platform guaranteeing the rights of the Negro people was

voiced yesterday before the Resolutions Committee by Henry Johnson, vice president of the National Negro Congress.

Johnson asked for passage of the Federal Anti-Lynching bill and of the Geyer Anti-Poll Tax bill, enforcement of the Federal Civil Rights statute banning peonage, maintenance of the Wagner Act, abolition of Jim-crow barriers in the Army and passage of the Wagner Health bill and extension of the Public Housing Program.

It is considered very unlikely that these provisions, particularly those relating directly to rights for the Negro, will be incorporated in the platform.

Southern reactionaries seem to have almost as strong a grip on the Resolutions Committee as they do on the important committees of Congress.

Members of the committee from the South include Senators John Bankhead of Alabama, Pat Harrison of Mississippi and Claude Pepper of Florida.

A program almost identical with that put forward by Johnson was presented to the committee today by Earl B. Dickerson of the National Colored Democratic Association.

Dickerson asked for similar provisions to guarantee the rights of the Negro as well as to extend social security legislation generally.

This was considered significant despite the fact that many of the delegates to the Colorado convention of the Colored Democratic convention association seemed to be either patronage soldiers or wealthier Negroes.

In any event, the proposals made for the Association did reflect the overwhelming desires of the Negro people.

Senator Harrison walked out of the committee room while representatives of the Colored Democrats were testifying.

### CIVIL RIGHTS PLANK

Rev. Owen Knox of Michigan Civil Rights Federation and John Lapp of the American Civil Liberties Union asked the committee yesterday to put a plank in the platform guaranteeing civil liberties.

Secretary Wallace, who is a member of the Resolutions Committee, made it plain that the Administration intends to do nothing of the sort.

When Rev. Knox criticized the recent ban against Communists on WPA, Wallace asked sharply:

"Do you think the government ought to support those who bite the hand that feeds them?"

CIO President John L. Lewis arrived in town this morning to confer with CIO leaders who are delegates to the convention.

## Isaacs to Launch China Tag Day Today

Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs will launch a city-wide tag day for relief to the Chinese people this morning at 10 A.M. in his office in the Municipal Building.

Isaacs in brief ceremonies will start the mass collection of funds by dropping the first coin into a collection box.

The campaign is being conducted under the auspices of the American Friends of the Chinese People, 168 West 23rd St.

All proceeds will be used for the relief of victims of the barbaric bombing of Chungking, China's capital, by Japanese planes.

## Eruption at Japan Island Kills Many

TOKIO, July 14 (UP)—Mount Yuzan on the island of Miyake, quiet since 1874, was in violent eruption today and the sea floor of the island was belching flames at several points.

The correspondent of the newspaper Asahi reported that 50 were killed and 50 others were missing in the village of Kamitaki on the island, which is 110 miles south of Tokio and 30 miles east of the mainland.

## Fund Drive in the Nation:

## Midwest Farmers, Ohio Workers Show Spurt

Reports are arriving daily in the national office of the Communist Party attesting to the enthusiasm with which the 1940 financial campaign of the party is being conducted throughout the nation. Communications from state chairmen praise with one voice the splendid, self-sacrificing response of party members. From Minnesota comes word that the party's rural membership is converting farm produce into cash, taking a loss in many instances, in order to contribute financially to the anti-war work of the party.

Ohio's Andrew B. Onda, reports that "the drive got off to a better start than any previous drive in my experience, and the party is going at it in a more determined manner than any I have previously witnessed in our state." Accompanying Onda's letter is a \$2,000 contribution to the Daily Worker and the national election campaign.

From Illinois comes what is described as an initial contribution of \$600 to speed the Daily Worker to a larger circulation. Michigan sends \$543 to speed preparations for the national election campaign. The Young Communist League of Boston has presented the national election campaign committee with a check for \$200 while the YCL of Philadelphia sends \$44.77. Wisconsin is represented with \$250.

## Rail Union Hits Bill that Threatens 2 Million Jobs

## Convention Demands a Congressional Amendment

By Carl Harris

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, July 14.—The warning that 200,000 railroad workers would lose their jobs if the present Wheeler-Lea Bill was not amended was sounded by the 22nd Convention of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, which has just been concluded here.

The convention endorsed the amendment proposed by the five railroad brotherhood organizations that no consolidation of the roads or abandonment of lines be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission if such a transaction would result in unemployment or displacement of employees or impair their existing employment status.

Opposition to the government's "anti-trust" prosecutions of the trade unions also stood out sharply among the highlights of the parley. The convention adopted a number of important resolutions calling for abolition of the poll tax, passage of the anti-lynch bill and condemned racial discrimination in AFL unions, endorsing the Randolph resolution adopted by the 1938 AFL convention.

However, a major weakness of the convention was its failure to take an anti-war stand, in spite of the rank and file demands for such action. A small powerful clique placed a strict gag on any anti-war expression by the delegates and repeatedly stifled moves to place the convention "on record against the war drive. Four resolutions on peace, presented by local unions, were arbitrarily brushed aside by the international leaders.

A strongly worded resolution, passed by the delegates, condemned the use of the Anti-Trust Law "for the destruction of the labor movement." It declared further:

"When the real culprits, the monopolists, violate the law, after filching from the people millions of dollars, they are dealt with very leniently, while labor, that is not supposed to be prosecuted under the act, is dealt with most viciously."

Citing the war drive to stop social legislation, the convention went on record strongly opposing the repeal of the Wage-Hour Law and the Walsh-Healy Act.

## 5 More Free On Bail in Pittsburgh

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been released on \$1,000 cash bail yesterday, the Defense Committee was informed that Antico's bail was continued at \$5,000. After discussion with the District Attorney's office, however, they agreed to accept \$1,000 for Antico. In the case of Findley, the warden at first refused to release him inasmuch as Findley figures in the habeas corpus hearing still pending.

Habeas corpus proceedings for a reduction in bail were heard last Tuesday morning and were continued over until August 6. Had this legal technicality been maintained, Findley would have had to remain in jail even if the \$5,000 originally asked for his release was forthcoming. Judge Frank O. Patterson, who had presided over the habeas corpus hearings, was appealed to and he instructed the warden to release Findley.

It was learned that the men in the D. A.'s office are smarting under the protests which they have received and under the exposure of their tactics made in the radio speech given last night in Power's name.

Many more of the forty-three indicted are expected to be released on bond within the next few days. The size of the job which is being done by the Defense Committee is indicated by the fact that while the original bail set was \$350,000 for all 43, it will be almost up to the \$100,000 mark even if there is a reduction to \$1,000 for each of the remaining defendants.

### NOTED LAWYER TO DEFEND UNIONISTS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 14.—O. Hicks Friedman, noted local attorney and one-time candidate for District Attorney, will defend several of the non-Communist trade unionists who were indicted as a result of the grand jury probe of Communist Party nominating petitions. Mr. Friedman has been retained to defend Anthony J. Salopak, secretary-treasurer of the Duquesne Lodge of the S.W.O.C. Logan Burkhardt, vice-president of Local 601 of the U.E.R.M.W.A. and George Saunders, secretary of the Stewards Council of the U.E.R.M.W.A. Local, among other trade unionists.

Saunders was released today on \$2,000 cash bond. Burkhardt and Salopak were released previously on bond. All three appeared voluntarily at the District Attorney's office together with their bondsmen.



Weekly Column Devoted to Interests of Rail Labor

### BRITISH RAIL LABOR SETS THE PACE

It is common knowledge today that the policy of "appeasing" the Nazi and Fascist aggressors has been largely responsible for the mass murder that is now raging in Europe, Africa and Asia. This policy made possible the growth of the Nazi imperialist forces at the expense of the double-crossed smaller nations and now France.

It is also no secret that the master class of Britain and France, with Chamberlain and Daladier as spokesmen, was responsible for the initiation and execution of this policy. Our master class, with its people in high offices in the Wall Street-Washington administration, gave this policy its tacit support.

The action of the British railroad workers assumes added importance when viewed as an object lesson to us. It is an anti-war action. It coincides with the anti-war sentiments of rail labor in our country.

### QUEST "APPEASERS" AS "FIFTH COLUMN" DEMAND

We are quoting in part a United Press dispatch from London, England:

Demand for removal from the government of all persons associated with former Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's appeasement policy was made today by the powerful National Union of Railwaymen.

Britain was warned by the union that "our fifth column men who are still in position of power" are more to be feared than "the might of the German air force and her mechanized army."

Meeting in annual session, the union unanimously adopted a resolution calling for persons in the government associated with the appeasement policy to be "put

in a position where they cannot possibly betray this country in the way in which Marshal Pétain betrayed France."

The resolution said:

"We make the request respectfully but imperatively, and as a matter of public confidence and national morale, that Cabinet Ministers and other persons of high office associated with the previous government's policy of appeasement at once be removed from office and their places filled with men whose reliability is proved by their antecedents."

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: What do you mean when you refer in your column to CLASS I railroads?

Answer: Under Class I railroads are generally considered carriers with annual operating revenues above \$1,000,000. Switching and terminal companies are as a rule excluded in all calculations of railroad data on Class I railroads. Class I railroads operate approximately 93 per cent of the total railroad mileage of the United States and earn about 96 per cent of the total revenues.

### RIGHT TO STRIKE NOT GIVEN UP

So. Chicago, Ill.

To Stop, Look and Listen:

Some time ago there appeared in the Daily Worker, a letter concerning the handling of grievances before the National Railroad Adjustment Board. I think the writer was correct in stating that due to the attacks on the Board by railroad managements, there has been a tendency toward retreat and "appeasement" on the part of certain Grand Lodge officers representing us on the Board.

But your correspondent incorrectly stated that the 1934 amendments to the Railway Labor Act denied rail labor the right to strike for settlement of grievances arising from carrier violations of working agreements. The 1934 amendment provides that in cases where management and unions fail to reach an adjustment of grievances in conference, then "... the dispute MAY be referred ..." to the appropriate division of the Adjustment Board "... (My emphasis on "may")."

### OPPOSES WAR AND NO-STRIKE RESTRICTIONS

Obviously all sections of the Railway Labor Act were written for the purpose of making difficult any strike action by railroad labor—strike action is delayed by red tape but is NOT forbidden. Undoubtedly efforts will be made to institute no strike restrictions as war measures, but it is up to our organizations to oppose any such restrictions, even as we should oppose involvement of this country into anybody's wars for profits and colonies.

**URGES MILITANCY IN STRUGGLE FOR HIGHER STANDARD**  
We rail workers should seek to develop a more militant spirit, based on united action of all crafts, in order to secure speedier settlement of grievances, vacations with pay, shorter hours, etc., and to regain the prestige which the rail labor organizations once enjoyed as the vanguard of the American labor movement. A.O.H.

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# Voorhis Bill Would Destroy Unions, I.L.D. Warns; Protest Now



**CONQUER RAPIDS.** The Libby brothers, Charles (in stern), 27, and Allice, 29, of Ashland, navigating their canoe through the "Devil's Hog Yard," near Middle Dam, during their daring run without a spill down the rock-strewn Rapid River. Only once before was it traversed in like manner and that was in 1890.

## Huge Rally to Demand Probe of Coughlin, Front

A powerful drive to force the Department of Justice to investigate Father Coughlin and the Christian Front as the real Fifth Column in America will be launched with a monster mass meeting on Wednesday, July 31, at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave. Outstanding leaders from all walks of American life will address the meeting which is being called under the auspices of the Jewish Peoples Committee.

Rabbi Moses Miller, National President of the Jewish Peoples Committee, today issued the following statement on the meeting:

"The acquittal verdict in the trial of the 14 Christian Fronters followed by Father Coughlin's anti-Semitic incitement, has been greeted as a green light signal by the anti-Semitic forces which are daily growing bolder. Events of the

past few weeks have made it crystal clear that only a powerful and determined demand can force the Department of Justice to act. The people must raise their voices now. From one end of America to the other the cry must ring out, 'Investigate Coughlin now! Smash the anti-Semites, the real Fifth Column in America!'

Support of the meeting has already been pledged by large numbers of trade unions and other progressive organizations which have set about rallying their membership to attend the mass meeting in the largest numbers.

Tickets for the meeting will be sold at 25 cents each in order to insure the largest possible attendance. Tickets will be put on sale on Tuesday and can be purchased directly from the Jewish Peoples Committee at 1133 Broadway, Room 1427.

### Catholics Here Back Anti-Lynching Bill

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
A resolution urging the Democratic National Convention, in session in Chicago beginning July 15, to speed the passage of the federal anti-lynching law in the present session of Congress was adopted by the Catholic Interracial Council Conference here July 11.

### CLU Reports Vast Attack On Civil Rights

Survey Calls Present Situation Worst Since Last War

The drive for vast national defense, with a likelihood of military conscription, will weaken the defenses of democracy and imperil not only the liberties of minorities but of all citizens generally, it is predicted by the American Civil Liberties Union in its annual survey of the status of civil liberties in the United States, published today.

The Union's general survey is being released as its twentieth annual report to its members in a seventy-two page pamphlet titled "In the Shadow of War." Based on reports from committees and correspondents throughout the country, the review covers not only the work of the Union's national office and thirty-three local branches, but also analyzes current conditions all over the country.

### Mexican Flyer Continues Good Will Tour

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, July 14 (UP).—Maj. Antonio Cardenas, Mexican aviator, arrived here today from Buenos Aires, continuing his good-will tour of the Americas. Cardenas' long air journey began May 25, when he left San Francisco Calif., enroute to Mexico. From his home there he continued down the west coast of South America, stopping in Colombia, Peru and Chile, and then hopped the Andes to Buenos Aires.

## Red Caps to Intensify Fight for Back Wages

Conference Here Is Confident of Victory in Suit to Win \$5,000,000 in Pay; Raps AFL Discrimination

More than 200 members of local 501, 602 and members from out of town locals of the United Transport Service Employees of America (Red Caps), pledged at a special meeting held Friday night at the American Legion Hall, 138th St., between Seventh and Eighth Aves., to intensify their fight for the recovery of approximately \$5,000,000 in back wages due some 75 per cent of all Red Caps in the country by the big railroad companies.

Willard S. Townsend, international president, in discussing the terrible conditions under which Red Caps have labored for years, told them that "our fight is now in a transitory stage where we are rising from our former status when we were looked upon with disgust. For 40 years our problems were ignored. When the aid we sought from the AFL was denied, we continued to fight alone. Now after we have won the status of employees and are making progress in the fight for back wages due us, we are being asked to unite with organizations that discriminate against us because we are black."

### BLAST CHAUVINISM

Blasting the arrogant white chauvinist policy of the American Federation of Labor leadership and the jurisdictional fight which it has evoked over who should have the right to organize and represent Red Caps, Townsend served notice that "the time has come when we must refuse to go in the back door of any organization."

With suits pending in federal courts in Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Texas and other states to compel the railroad companies to pay wages withheld from Red Caps, and the possibility of winning the fight, Townsend charged the AFL leaders with disrupting the fight of Negro Red Caps for selfish reasons when it has done nothing to organize and help improve working conditions of Red Cap workers.

Moreover, he said the AFL top leadership has no real interest in Negro Red Caps other than taking advantage of the opportunity to swell its treasury while it has persisted and still persists in barring Negroes from many of its unions.

In proof of his charge of disruptive activities and rank discrimination against Negroes, Mr. Townsend read the following excerpts from a letter sent to him December 13, 1938, by George B. Harris, grand president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks: "Shortly after the Railway Labor Act was amended in 1933, we inaugurated a campaign to organize these classes of workers who were not paid gratuities obtained from the public, but the employing railroad companies challenged our claim that these men were employees and we temporarily halted our organizing work until their status could be determined."

Since the Interstate Commerce Commission has held these workers to be employees and subject to the terms of the Railway Labor Act, we have issued instructions to our representatives to organize these workers.

"We have made considerable progress and have covered quite a number of the employees with agreements fixing their wages and working conditions. We have not admitted Negroes to membership because there is a requirement in our constitution that only white persons are eligible to membership (emphasis A. H.), but we have organized the Negro workers into directly chartered local unions attached to the American Federation of Labor under an agreement that has been in effect many years between that body and our organization for handling the membership of Negro workers coming under our jurisdiction."

UN-AMERICAN POLICY  
Townsend deplored such a policy as being un-American and not in the interest of the Negro and white Red Cap workers. In a letter to William Green, Townsend said he informed the president of the AFL on July 1 that the UTSEA maintains neither an AFL nor CIO bias in the present struggle between the two camps of labor.

"The unaffiliated status of the UTSEA," he said, "is maintained not because of our desire, but only because of the jurisdictional and racial problems created by a number of your organizations."

He condemned the policies of the AFL in condoning the actions of Harrison and his anti-Negro clique for the exclusion of Negro Red Caps and the setting up of rival organizations to weaken the fight which Negroes have been conducting for years.

Agreements reached between the railroad companies and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, he further pointed out, have been arbitrary and have denied employees any voice in their operation. He said that these agreements had forced thousands of Negro railroad workers out of the industry because of discriminatory and job control

organizers and money and we will take the Red Caps in the way we want to."

Negro Red Caps attending the meeting from Philadelphia, Connecticut and Boston spoke during the discussion period and were unanimous in expressing their determination to continue their fight against the railroads and AFL bureaucrats until they have won.

As one Red Cap from Philadelphia expressed it—"everything is against us and that should make us fight all the harder and more aggressively."

Because of the effective work of the UTSEA in organizing Red Caps, the railroad companies have sought in every way to disrupt and break up the union. They have attempted to set the men against the leadership of the union.

Townsend said every effort will be made to win the support of all progressive Americans in support of their fight. A campaign to send 500,000 letters to the Interstate Commerce Commission demanding the enforcement of the rights of Red Caps will be launched soon. Action on the various suits pending for back wages is expected during the month of September.

## How Alabama Cops Tell Who The Reds Are

Birmingham Definition Is Anybody Demanding Their Legal Rights

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 14.—If any doubt remained in anyone's mind that Birmingham police plan to use the anti-Communist slogan to crush all opposition to the administration's program of war and reaction, Birmingham's red-baiting police commissioner dispelled it today.

Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor has announced his definition of a "Communist" as anyone "who stands on his constitutional rights."

Commissioner Connor answered protests on the recent arrest without warrant of Mary Southard, proprietor of the Modern Book Shop, with a new spasm of bluster threats.

"We're going to put every stranger in town in jail that we find hanging around the Communist places and who won't tell us his business," he said. "You can tell they're Communists because they always claim they're standing on their constitutional rights."

The humor column of the Post, Birmingham Scripps-Howard daily, comments on this: "It looks like Bull (Connor) is determined to rescue Birmingham from the Red Menace even if he has to swear out warrants for the gentlemen who drafted the Bill of Rights."

### ATTACK ON BOOKSTORE

The Post's columnist is almost right, but not quite. If Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor knew where to find the men who wrote the Bill of Rights he would sweep down on them without a warrant, as he did recently on the Modern Book Shop.

Mrs. Mary Southard, proprietor of Alabama's only progressive bookstore, in an open letter in answer to Connor's statement, points out that this is the second step in a campaign the purpose of which is to force the Modern Book Shop to close its doors. The first step was her arrest, without warrant and without charge, and holding her incommunicado in Birmingham Jail.

"These actions on Mr. Connor's part," Mrs. Southard's letter points out, "are not law enforcement; they are a flagrant abuse of the authority of his office. As a public official, his duty is to protect the constitutional rights of ALL the people, regardless of what he thinks of their views."

"Instead he sets himself to deny liberty and equal protection of the law to a minority group. That such repressive measures, if allowed to succeed, never stop with the suppression of the Communists is proved by the experience of Germany and Italy and—just yesterday—France as well. Mr. Connor himself has given sufficient indication of this by his definition of a 'Communist' as anyone 'who stands on his constitutional rights.' Mr. Connor's attitude, as revealed in his actions toward me and his statement to the POST, is un-American and undermines American democracy from within. It deserves the condemnation of every liberty-loving citizen."

## Provides For Mass Blacklist System

Requires Organizations to File Minutes and Financial Records

The most tyrannical piece of anti-labor legislation yet to be introduced into Congress is the Voorhis Bill now before a sub-committee of the Senate, according to a statement by the International Labor Defense issued yesterday.

The bill lays the groundwork for both general persecution of trade union organizations and a fascistic spying-and-blacklisting record of individual men and women workers. The I.L.D. calls particular attention to the bill's provision for revealing to employers the financial records of trade unions.

### FULL STATEMENT

The statement follows:  
"It has been suggested that one of the unspoken, sub-rosa purposes behind the Voorhis Bill is to get what anti-union forces have been trying hard for a long time to obtain—filling of financial accounts of unions with some government agency. If unions come under the Voorhis Bill—and they are certainly not excluded—then they would have to file a statement accounting in detail for every cent received by any local or affiliate for any purpose whatsoever, with the name and the address of the person who gave it. "Among the things that would have to be filed by organizations coming under the Voorhis Bill are: "The address or addresses of meeting places of the organization and of each branch, chapter, or affiliate of the organization, the times of such meetings, and a copy of the minutes or journal of every such meeting."

"The name and address of each person who has contributed any money, dues, property, or other thing of value to the organization or to any branch, chapter, or affiliate of the organization."

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"A detailed statement of the assets of the organization, and of each branch, chapter, and affiliate of the organization, the manner in which such assets were acquired, and a detailed statement of the liabilities and income of the organization and of each branch, chapter, and affiliate of the organization."

"The bill further provides that: "All statements filed under this section shall be public records and open to public examination and inspection at all reasonable hours under such rules as the Attorney General may prescribe."

"That includes the name and address of everyone who paid dues to the organization."

"WRITE TO YOUR TWO SENATORS TODAY, URGING THEM TO WORK TO DEFEAT THE VOORHIS BILL (H.R. 10094). Things move so fast in Congress these days that even though the bill is only in sub-committee now, it might be shot out into the floor of the Senate and passed any day."

## NLRB Certifies AFL Union in Mass. Electric Co.

WASHINGTON, July 14 (UP).—The National Labor Relations Board today certified the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) as sole collective bargaining agent for the line and meter departments of Western Massachusetts Electric Co. plants at Greenfield, Amherst, Easthampton, South Deerfield, and Gardner Falls, Mass.

The action was based on an election held June 27.

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### Candidates of the People

The common people had nothing to say about the candidates chosen at the Republican convention. Nor will the people have anything to say about who is to be nominated this week at the Democratic Convention in Chicago—in fact, it is being widely said that the convention itself won't have much to say on the matter.

The job of rival Republican and Democratic candidates this year will be to see who can outdo the other in deception and demagoguery—who can best fool the people into thinking he means peace when he really means war, or liberty when he really means enslavement.

Of an entirely different calibre are the candidates of the Communist Party, Earl Browder and James W. Ford. These are the only candidates who have nothing to hide and who will not speak with tongue in cheek. As the standard-bearers of the only working class party, their interests and program are identical with the needs of the tens of millions of farmers, workers and middle class people.

When Earl Browder speaks, the word "peace" falls from the lips of a man who went to jail in 1917 for his steadfast opposition to the war and whom both the Democratic and Republican parties are now trying to send to prison again for his firm peace stand.

When James W. Ford speaks of civil liberties, it is the voice of a stalwart representative of the 12,000,000 Negro people who have been robbed of the guarantees of the Bill of Rights. It is the voice of a man whose whole life has been dedicated to a fearless struggle against oppression.

A large vote for the Communist candidates will be the best check to the concerted plans of both major parties to lead the country along the road of aggressive war and social repression.

### Barrack-Building Wipes Out Housing

Slum clearance and public housing are being put in the doghouse by the Roosevelt administration.

One of Hearst's financial writers, M. S. Ruker, tells us all about it in the July 8 issue of the New York Journal-American. "Having caught the war fever," states this gentleman, "Washington has been moving so fast that many significant developments have been lost in the shuffle."

One of the most outstanding of these, he suggests, is the act of Congress which "recently revolutionized its low-cost housing program." The so-called "revolutionizing" consists in the throwing overboard of public housing for the mass of the people in favor of barracks for "national defense."

Ever since the White House set out on its war spree, there has been a noticeable failure to move forward with any further housing appropriations. Now, in the name of "national defense," even the moneys voted are to be diverted into barracks and other buildings to house enlisted men and workers in certain munitions industries.

Two years ago the administration admitted that one-third of America was ill-housed. Today that one-third of the nation is even in more miserable hovels. The places where they dwell are two years older than they were when the admission was made. The small housing projects inaugurated by Roosevelt in his New Deal days have not been a drop in the bucket compared to the veritable Niagara of housing needs.

And yet, the Army and Navy Journal of June 6 advises us that the United States Housing Authority has already proceeded to make use of its new power, and has diverted \$17,153,000 in housing funds—earmarked for Philadelphia—to various "national defense" barracks and buildings.

Over against this large amount taken away from the Philadelphia slums and employed for barrack-building, the Housing Authority only allotted \$3,700,000 for "regular slum-clearing, rehousing projects."

We believe that the people have a special obligation to protest against this misuse of the housing funds. This nation is wealthy enough to employ \$5,000,000,000 (five billion dollars) per year on the erection of new dwelling places for its people, as Earl Browder emphasized in his report to the 1940 national convention of the Communist Party. Instead of that, the White House is now pinching the pennies which have been voted for housing—and is robbing the people even of this small aid.

## Letters From Our Readers

### More and Better Educational Facilities Needed

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

To preserve the inalienable rights of the American way of life, we need an immediate survey to check on the facts to strengthen our National Educational structure—delay is dangerous. We need a deluge of more and better adult night classes everywhere. Many millions of our people never had a chance—by reason of stress and circumstance.

Every progressive educator, scientist and mental benefactor is labeled a Communist—so as to discourage him or her in their attempt at alleviating the condition. We do nothing about training an army of millions of Americans who are employed and unemployed to hold down a skilled job. Instead the government curtails WPA and puts the people on relief. And then to add insult to injury, deprive them of education by curtailing appropriations for schools! B.R. AND CHILDREN.

### News from Nebraska and An Appeal for a Typewriter

Nebraska.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The activity of the National Youth Administration in Nebraska is suspended with this month's work period which will leave the young people with not even the \$14 a month they were allowed, to keep them in essential necessities. I feel it is a planned program to force these boys to seek the army or CCC camps.

Grants are being whittled down or entirely eliminated in some instances and many are forced of necessity to apply for rehabilitation loans and thereby what little stock and personal property they have is being mortgaged.

One man in this neighborhood with a wife and three children had his all taken because he gained the ill will of the local county head of the Rehabilitation set-up. His stuff was sold at public venue and his wife carrying their youngest child entered the sale ring and pleaded to be given the right to buy one cow in order to have milk for the baby and offered a bid of \$5, all the money they owned. Her bid was not raised, although there were greedy profit grabbers who wanted to bid against her; the word had been passed around and no one put in a higher bid.

There are many cases here of much privation and suffering and actual want. The farmers are not allowed on WPA projects and are practically destitute. I am a lone eagle back here in the West. Just recently I became part of the Omaha branch which is over 200 miles away. I can write and carry on here and a used typewriter would be a big help. Perhaps some reader of the Daily Worker has an extra typewriter. L.W.L.

### Hits Mark Sullivan's Distortion Of Russian History

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Among our native Tories, Mr. Mark Sullivan is considered one of the foremost journalistic luminaries the Republican Party possesses. His latest contribution of "historical" record was the dispatch of July 8.

"On July 4, 1776, there was a set-up on the soil of North America, an entirely new conception of society and government," states Mr. Sullivan, and we agree with him. Then he proceeds to recount how "the world began to imitate it. Country after country adopted our model, which is also true. Thereafter Mr. Sullivan abandons objectivity and goes on for unadulterated political claptrap and false assertions like this one: "In Russia a small group of men overthrew the short-lived democracy that had followed the regime of the czars."

Only a writer of Mr. Sullivan's firm reactionary convictions is capable of calling the militaristic and aristocratic minded and supported regimes of General Denikin and of Alexander Kerensky a democracy. Both of these regimes were set up not for the purpose of preserving Russia's territorial integrity and independence but with the avowed intention of making that country a vassal of British-French imperialism.

There is enough documentary material available showing how Britain and France contracted with officials of the "short-lived democracy" for the partition of Russia's territory among themselves. Mr. Sullivan knows about these facts but he will never present them to his readers. A. G. D.

### "We Are Sure of Our Jobs Now"

#### Victorious Strikers Write

Lake Huntington, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We are a group of workers in Crestwood Hotel. Last Saturday, two delegates from our union came to our boss and told him that they represented the workers in the shop and he should sign with the union. Well, the boss refused, we all walked out, and we were out for seven hours on strike. State Troopers were called. They ejected the union delegates. The boss called us, and told us to go back to work. Of course, we didn't do any such thing. We went down the road to the union organizers, and we discussed what to do. We drew up a contract on the side of the road, and the headwater went back to the hotel and presented it to the boss. By this time the guests were all ready to check out.

The boss finally signed. We are now a 100 per cent union shop. We had our first shop meeting tonight and elected a shop chairman. Conditions are now excellent. We are sure of our jobs, and very happy. B.

### Publication of Chauvinistic Item Without His Knowledge or Approval, Says Ralph Barlow

Puerto Rico.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Recently the Musicians' Union of Puerto Rico passed a resolution protesting against a statement which appeared in the "Billboard" magazine, stating that Ralph Barlow's orchestra, now playing at the Escambron Beach Club, was the first all-white orchestra to come to Puerto Rico. The Union vigorously condemned racial chauvinism as being opposed to the democratic ideals of the people of Puerto Rico. Copies of this resolution were sent to the "Billboard," to the Ralph Barlow orchestra and to other organizations, including a copy to the Daily Worker.

In the meantime, the leader of the orchestra, Ralph Barlow, has visited the President of the Musicians' Union of Puerto Rico and has stated that the statement which appeared in "Billboard" was printed without his knowledge or approval and that he himself would never be guilty of such a chauvinistic, anti-democratic attitude. He requested that the resolution be withdrawn. M. C. S.



## WHAT'S WHAT ABOUT THE WAR Questions and Answers

by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

**Question**—How do you explain the appeasement policy which has brought the British and French empires to their present desperate position?

**Answer**—The appeasement policy works out as a sort of capitalist version of the "lesser evil." The appeasers among the great capitalists in the Allied camp, caught in the insoluble contradictions of capitalism and fearing a revolution, look with much favor upon fascism as a system. They would like to set up fascism in their own countries, and upon this basis, extend their imperialist rule over the world. But the rival fascist powers, Germany, Italy and Japan, are upsetting these plans and hopes. By their aggressive policies in various countries they constantly confront the Allied appeasers with the unpleasant alternative of either conceding the demands of the imperialist fascist rivals, or of facing a broad extension of democracy in the event of fascist defeat. So the appeasers choose the "lesser evil" and yield step by step to the rival fascist powers, even to the extent of surrendering up their own national independence and accepting a puppet government status under foreign fascist control.

The betrayal of Spain was carried out on these general lines. The British and French ruling classes were fearful that a victory by the Loyalist Government over the German and Italian fascist invaders would cause a tremendous resurgence of democratic and revolutionary struggle throughout Europe. This was too dreadful for the wealthy money bags to contemplate. To avoid this major danger to their profit-making, they took the course of the "lesser evil" by feeding Republican Spain into the maw of the fascist aggressors. This appeasement by Britain and France still further strengthened their rapidly growing imperialist rivals, Germany and Italy. In the same reactionary spirit of the "lesser evil," the American Government betrayed Republican Spain by placing the arms embargo against it. It preferred and it got a Hitler-Mussolini victory, rather than a powerful and progressive democratic Spanish Republic.

The Chinese situation likewise shows the "lesser evil" element in the policy of appeasement. In this instance our government is playing the stellar role. The American imperialists are afraid that if the Chinese people win their war against the Japanese invaders this will vastly strengthen world democracy and also cement the alliance between the Chinese and Soviet peoples. The Wall Street imperialists, to avoid the catastrophe to their parasitic interests, have recourse to the "lesser evil" of furnishing indispensable war munitions to Japan. Democracy and freedom are dealt a heavy blow by this policy, but at the same time American imperialism's bitter enemy, Japan, is armed and stimulated to attempt to extend

its sway over every people in the Far East. This is the same appeasement policy by which the British and French reactionaries built up Nazi Germany and undermined their own empires.

Munich was a classical example of appeasement and, thereby, also of the capitalist "lesser evil" policy. On the eve of Munich, after the rape of China, Spain, Ethiopia and Austria by the fascist aggressor powers, the democratic masses of the world were greatly aroused and were rapidly coming to the decision that the way to stop these aggressions was by organizing the great international peace front of democratic peoples proposed by the Soviet Union. Were Hitler and Mussolini thus stopped it would constitute a world victory for the forces of peace and democracy. Germany and Italy would very probably have proletarian revolutions, and England and France could not escape the popular upsurge. This prospect terrified the British bankers and landlords. It would be far better, therefore, said they, to strengthen their German and Italian imperialist rivals than to have European democracy score such a great success against fascism. Their great imperialist enemies, Hitler and Mussolini, in the minds of these reactionaries. The common class interests of the British and French Tories with the German capitalists determined this treacherous decision. So Munich was organized. Hitler, not the peoples of Europe, was given a tremendous victory. This criminal action headed Great Britain and France and their satellite empires towards military, political and economic defeat.

This whole disastrous course was already expressed in the pre-war attitude of Great Britain and France towards the U.S.S.R. and towards Hitler. Their policy stemmed from the general crisis of capitalism and the fear of revolution. To the Tories heading the governments of England and France the very existence of the growing and flourishing Socialist Soviet Union was an intolerable evil, a standing threat to their class interests. To combat it, they adopted what they considered the "lesser evil"; that is the building up of their dangerous imperialist rival, Nazi Germany, in the expectation that it might fight the U.S.S.R. But the hitch in the scheme was that Hitler refused to carry out the mandate of British imperialism and make war against the powerful Soviet Union. Encouraged by easy concessions from the semi-fascist British and French Tories, he found the line of least resistance was, by his policy of aggression, to continually confront the Allies with situations in which they were given the choice of helping him or facing a democratic Europe. They always chose Hitler. With the British and French Tories thus constantly yielding to him as the "lesser evil," he turned away from the East, at-

tacked the Allies, and is now proceeding to pick their bones clean with a minimum of struggle.

The appeasement "lesser evil" policy wrecked France and has brought Britain to the brink of the abyss. Its crowning infamy was the surrender of France to the fascist invaders in the midst of the war. Rather Hitler, said Weyand, Laval and Petain, than a revolutionary France. The fascism that they could not win in struggle against their workers they got as a Hitler puppet government. And now the British Tories would far rather have a Hitler-dominated capitalist Britain than the militant European democracy that would come if Hitler were defeated.

American imperialists and the Democratic and Republican parties are also saturated with these ideas of "lesser evil" and appeasement. Whenever they face a situation where the forces of world democracy and world reaction are locked in struggle, as in Spain and China, they always line up on the side of fascist reaction. This results in appeasement and strengthening the fascist aggressors as the "lesser evil." As Hitler grows in strength and his possible defeat acquires greater revolutionary potentialities, more and more the appeasement tendency develops in American big capitalist circles. The last thing the great bankers of Wall Street want is the downfall of Hitler, with the vast democratic and revolutionary upheaval that would follow it. They, like the Tories of Britain and France, also are half-fascist and they instinctively look to Hitler as the greatest champion of their world system.

Although hailed as a peace policy as each step of its sell-out takes place, the appeasement—"lesser evil" method is a war policy. By feeding the fascist aggressors, it leads inexorably to war; and to war under the most dangerous conditions of treason and demoralization.

The Social Democrats in the democratic capitalist countries invariably follow the capitalists' appeasement—"lesser evil" policy to its final debacle. It dovetails into their own notorious policy of the "lesser evil" as the line for the working class. They trailed along with the French big capitalists in their "lesser evil" course to the very end, and they are travelling the same path in Great Britain. Only by an upheaval of the workers and other democratic masses against the treacherous capitalists and politicians of the British Government who are trying to sell out to Hitler in order to prevent the victory of the people, and against the lick-spittle Social Democrats who are helping them in their betrayal, will the masses of Great Britain, the workers, farmers, middle class and small capitalist elements—be able to rally their forces, defeat the fascist invaders, preserve their national independence, and retain such living standards and civic rights as they now have.

by Gropper

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

ONLY the Upper Classes can know what real Americanism means. We ordinary people may be good Americans. But that isn't enough for the Blue Bloods of the country who often manage to become Americans twice over. Take the mother of Vincent Astor. Following her divorce from the late Colonel John Jacob Astor, she married Lord Ribblesdale and became a British subject. But now with Britain facing invasion, Lady Ribblesdale has sold her 20-bedroom house in London, fled back to America and become a citizen for the second time—which, of course, makes her a 200 per cent American. If Hitler succeeds in carrying his bloody invasion to the British Isles, Lady Ribblesdale, now a widow, might return to marry the Nazi governor of England. But with the first crack in the Hitler regime, she could be expected to flee back to America again, take the oath in the Naturalization Office and become a 300 per cent American.

With all the registering, anger-printing, and affidavit signing now going on, we propose a questionnaire to detect phony Americans. All people with an income over \$100,000 a year would be required to register and answer the questions like these: Do you get your income from corporations which violate the Wagner Act and Wages-Hours Law? Have you stopped evading your income taxes? How many of your daughters have you married off to British titles? If the workers began to get too well organized for your liking, would you consider inviting Hitler to march in and give you a hand? Have you ever done an honest day's work? If so, what was it?

This is a day of new slogans. Laval and Petain have scrapped the glorious motto of France "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" and replaced with "Labor, Home and Nation." And now President All-Steps-Short-of-Peace Roosevelt proposes a new slogan for America: "Sacrifice, Work and Unity." Is this to replace "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness?"

The ingratitude of Japan toward the United States is shocking. Especially after all we have done to help her invade China! While Japan is calling the United States all kinds of names, she remains exceedingly respectful, however, toward the Soviet Union. But, of course, the Soviet Union has never given anything to Japan and therefore commands her respect. The motto of the fascist states has always been: "Don't bite the hand that appeases you—just gobble it off."

H. Zuckerman wonders if at the recent "Japan Day" banquet at the Hotel Astor, the food contained plenty of vitamins and scrap iron.

It was probably washed down with a steaming cup of American-made T-N-Tea.

Col. Somervell, the Moustache Detective, says that his motto from now on in kicking people off WPA will be "By their fruits ye shall know them." And by his fruits, ye shall know Somervell—by the apples that he wants to see the unemployed selling on Times Square again; and by the ivy he hopes to see planted on the graves of millions of young Americans.

The Voorhis Blacklist bill has a loyal supporter in the New Leader, the organ of the Social Democratic Federation (Right Wing Socialists). The Voorhis bill could compel all organizations with international connections, like the trade unions, to hand over their membership lists. If impartially enforced, the bill would apply to the Social Democratic Federation too, because of its connection with the Second International. But the question of its own membership list doesn't worry this sinister Social-Democratic organization. Perhaps because it doesn't have any members.

Homer Martin is now in business in Detroit selling auto parts to Ford. He hopes that the parts business won't slip through his fingers the way the workers did when he tried to sell them out to Ford Motor Company.

They say that Henry Ford fainted dead away at his grandson's wedding when some one said, "May God bless this happy union."

Point of Order's vacation begins today. For the next two weeks we hope to be out in the sun getting burnt up over nothing at all. Meanwhile we trust that our contributions will keep on slaving away and send in piles of wise-cracks and verse—so that when we return to work we can continue our vacation for a few more days.

## Who Breeds Fascism?

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Would not the F.B.I. do a service to the American people if they investigated all the big business organizations who find ways and means to cheat the government out of taxes and the workman of his wages?

So obsessed is big business by profit that they will sacrifice even to the last workman his right to life, liberty, job and security.

Among the cesspools of Big Business are the oppressors of man, the fomenters of violence, the breeders of fascism—the real Fifth Columnists. E.G.

### Soviet Constitution—Powerful Answer to Reactionaries

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just finished studying the Constitution of the U.S.S.R. It is a marvelous document. For the first time it has struck me how very little we have utilized this Constitution when discussing our problems here. In knowing thoroughly the Constitution of the U.S.S.R. we would be armed with a powerful answer to the many questions about the government of the U.S.S.R. L.M.

### Contrasts Broadcasts from the USSR With Other Countries

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Through my radio I get Moscow every night. Sometimes the broadcast is in English and sometimes in French. I understand both languages well. I also hear broadcasts from Germany and London which consist of war propaganda. From Moscow comes refreshing news of the progress that great country is making both in the agriculture as well as in the industrial fields.

Newspapers like the Boston Traveller would have us believe that next winter millions of Soviet citizens will be doomed to starvation. They forget one thing. That through the radio and short waves we get the news... the real news straight from the Soviet Union. A.B.



## Correspondent Throws Light on China Today

"THE SHAN-HEI-HONAN BORDER REGION," by Ke Han, published by the New China Information Committee, Chungking, China.

By Ray Hardy

"An impenetrable barrier blocking the way to North China" is the description given the Shan-Hei-Honan border region, center of anti-Japanese warfare by Ke Han, correspondent for the "Sin Xus Rihao" in Chungking, in his report for 1937-1939 which was published in May, 1940.

The district covered in the report comprises about 70 counties, stretching South of the Chengting-Taiwan Railway, north of the Yellow River and bounded by the Peiping-Hankow and Tatung-Puchow Railways. In the words of the pamphlet, which continues:

"The hilly terrain, admirably suited for defense purposes, makes this region an ideal anti-Japanese military base." It has a population of 12 million.

"Here are concentrated the main forces of the Central Government Army, the Eighth Route Army and the politically progressive New Army of Shan Province—a large portion of our leading anti-Japanese forces. Here too is located the headquarters of the Eighth Route Army, which directs and plans the offensives of the guerrillas."

### Political Development

Section 2 of the pamphlet describes "How the Stronghold Was Built Up," out of the confused civilians and disorderly and defeated soldiery.

"Recently the Japanese launched a large-scale offensive against the border region. Instead of being frightened, the people mobilized themselves, raising a slogan which speaks significantly of their courage: 'Now we are facing the acid test of our work.'"

"Politically, there is more democracy in the border region than in other parts of China. . . . Under their local authorities, the people have full freedom of speech, of the press, and of assembly, as well as the right to recall and dismiss officials. . . ."

"The government is anxiously concerned over the people's sufferings." The author describes relief funds for refugees, small handicraft factories and cooperatives, and loan funds which allow small enterprises to begin businesses. Tax burdens have been reduced by 80 per cent since the outbreak of war. Most of the officials, according to the author, are young men, "almost none over 27," and most of them are serving without salary.

Small scale iron workers and armaments have been set up under the direction of trade unions. Most of these factories turn out agricultural implements as well as munitions.

Ke Han writes, "In West Hobei and Southeast Shanxi cooperatives

have sprung up like mushrooms. Shares in cooperative range from 50 cents to \$1. Sometimes a cooperative may hold capital of \$300 to \$1,000. . . . Each cooperative is divided into three departments: production, credit, and distribution. . . . The credit department serves as a sort of banking institution, drawing in the savings of richer peasants and extending loans at small interest to the poor farmers."

### Trade Subjects Among 25 Free Courses in Classes of the W.P.A.

Seven trade and technical subjects—trade dressmaking, tailoring, sewing, radio maintenance and repair, navigation and nautical science, and blueprint reading—are among the 25 free courses being offered in the summer session of the W.P.A. Adult Education Program, sponsored by the New York City Board of Education at P. S. 98, 1819 Boston Road, Bronx.

The complete list of courses available at this center includes: typewriting, Pitman and Gregg stenography, bookkeeping, salesmanship, general civil service preparation for State and Municipal examinations, doctor's office assistant, practical farming (poultry, husbandry), costume design, fashion illustration, advertising design, the well-dressed family, public speaking, speech improvement, drama appreciation and stage technique, photography, naturalization aid and English for the foreign born. The blue-print reading class is reserved for those who desire supplementary training in machine shop and construction techniques. All other classes are open without restriction except in regard to the minimum age requirement for students, who must be 17 or over to be eligible for enrollment.

Registration for these courses may be made at Public School 98 daily, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Full details of other centers and classes conducted by the W.P.A. Adult Education program can be obtained at the Information Bureau, 13 Astor Place, Manhattan, Telephone AL-gonquin 4-4850.

## 212 Performances Of Shakespeare On Anniversary

Three following article is by Prof. H. W. L. Dana, noted authority on the Soviet drama. We reprint it from the July issue of Soviet Russia Today—Editor's Note.

By H. W. L. Dana

Filling the gaps in the older generation of the Moscow Art Theatre, a new generation of younger actors has been trained in the tried and thorough Stanislavsky system. One of the new plays at the Moscow Art Theatre indicates in a way, the faith in this new generation that is growing up. This is Leonov's play, "The Orchards of Polovchansk," where an old patriarch, who since the Russian Revolution has turned a trace of barren soil into fertile fruit orchards, is filled with pride also in the fine crop of sons which he has raised, each one of whom is serving the Soviet Union in a different way. If in Chekhov's "Cherry Orchard," one gets the sense of a decaying land and hopelessness of a decaying land, here in this play one gets the sense of fertility rather than fertility, and of an ever more abundant growth of the fruitful earth and fruitful humanity.

A year ago the Moscow Jewish Theatre celebrated its 20th Anniversary, much as the Moscow Art Theatre has celebrated its fortieth. The new plays there, such as "The Feast" and "Aaron Friedman," represent a healthy turn towards Socialist realism, away from the over-stylization and artificiality of some of the earlier productions of the Jewish Theatre. The great director and actor of the Theatre, Mikhail, on the occasion of this anniversary turned to some of the Americans who were in the audience with this significant remark: "The Negroes in America can only have a real theater like ours when they are full and equal citizens as the Jews are here."

### Passing of Some Great Actors

The death last October of Shchukin, who, beginning as an assistant engine driver, acting from time to time in the amateur dramatic circle of a Railway Workers' Club, has risen to the height of his power at the Vachtagov Theatre, is a great loss. His impersonations of Lenin in "The Man With the Rifle," and in the two films "Lenin in October," and "Lenin in 1918," had won the hearts of the people. Yet the Vachtagov Theatre has been able to carry on the present theatrical season without him, thanks to the extraordinary vitality that has characterized this theatre from the start, and thanks to the new talents developed by this vigorous company.

In October of the year before came the death in her eightieth year of the great actress of the Malay Theatre, Blumenthal-Tamara. If Stanislavsky was the grand old man of the Russian theatre, she, coming from a very different background, had become, in a way, the grand old woman of the Russian theatre. She was born of a peasant family; she acted everywhere in mills and factories and before Red Army audiences. At the Moscow Malay Theatre she had taken more than 500 different roles. One of her most successful roles was her impersonation, when she herself was approaching her eightieth year, of the devoted old mother in Gusev's play called "Fame."

She, too, like the actors we have mentioned, had been made a People's Artist of the U. S. S. R., and had received the Order of Lenin; but she valued still more highly the fact that the public had enthusiastically elected her deputy to the Supreme Soviet. It was on that occasion that she contrasted the opportunities of actors today in the Soviet Union with what the conditions had been before the Revolution, saying, "Let us remember the past. Let us recall how hard it was for a man of the people to acquire culture. Only a few succeeded then. Thousands and thousands of gifted people failed."

### Scores Dramatic Success

Her loss is keenly felt, but the grand old people's artist of the Pushkin Theatre in Leningrad, Korchagina-Alexandrovskaya, who has impersonated the same roles there, is still acting with her indefatigable energy and spirit. A feat like that of Cherkassov who, at the age of thirty-two, has been able to act so convincingly the role of "The Baltic Deputy," who was supposed to be seventy-five, has been equaled by that of Alice Kocnen, at the Kamerny Theatre, when, at the age of fifty, she scored a success, a few years ago, in the part of a girl of fifteen. In one of her latest performances, "Stronger Than Death," she acted the part of Marina Strakhova, a Soviet woman physician, who, learning that enemies are planning to spread the bac-



A scene from a play at the world-famous Children's Theatre in Moscow.

teria of the black plague, ventures to counteract that danger by inoculating herself with the anti-toxin she had invented, and, after passing through days of agony, recovers and is victorious. That which is "Stronger Than Death" is no longer sentimental love, as in earlier plays, but science. That which gives her the will to risk life and to live is the passionate desire that this science may save the lives of millions of others as well as herself.

A new actress, Vera Ekhuyina, who had joined the Young Communist League at the age of fifteen and had been a tractor driver at a Collective Farm, where she acted in an amateur dramatic circle, has, at the age of twenty-four, acted an important part at the Moscow Theatre of the Revolution. She has learned, as she said, "how opposite traits may live side by side in the same individual, and that has given to her acting a subtle sense of the incongruities of real life. The part that she acted was that of Leucentia, in Lope de Vega's 'Fuente Ovejuna,' a peasant girl who rouses a revolt against feudal oppressors. This same play by Lope de Vega

has been performed as a ballet called 'Laurencia' at the Kirov Theatre in Leningrad; and another play by this same brilliant Spanish dramatist of the 17th Century, 'The Dog in the Manger,' has been acted in no less than twenty-six theatres in the Soviet Union and is scheduled to be performed in twelve more. 'The Mistress of the Inn,' written by the great Venetian dramatist of the 18th Century, Goldoni, has been acted in thirty theatres. Moller's 'Tartuffe' has been acted in twenty-four theatres, including a production, rehearsed by Stanislavsky just before his death and produced by the Moscow Art Theatre last October. Balzac's 'The Step-Mother' has been acted in fifty-two theatres and is billed in eight more. Schiller's 'Love and Intrigue' has been performed in fifty different theatres during the last season.

On April 23, 1939, the 375th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth was celebrated throughout the Soviet Union as it was nowhere else on earth. Two hundred and twelve theatres put on Shakespeare plays that night. During the last season 'Othello' has been acted in sixty-seven different theatres, and 'Ro-

meo and Juliet' in thirty, and during the present year, 1940, no less than sixty-nine new productions of Shakespeare are planned.

This use of the entire cultural heritage of the world shows how absurd it is to speak of the USSR today as having become nationalistic. One can much more correctly say that the Soviet theatre has become international. The acid test of the culture of individuals or of nations is the ability to understand and appreciate cultures other than their own, and this ability is found nowhere so well developed today as in the Soviet Union.

## News of Books And Authors

There's no stopping Upton Sinclair, who seems to have again blossomed out into one of America's most productive writers.

With his recently published novel, 'World's End,' going into a fourth printing, the world-famous author who lives in Pasadena announces that he is writing a sequel.

Turning out an average of 1,000 words a day on his typewriter, Sinclair appears to be getting a boyish joy out of his new successes. He recently wrote his publishers: "This is more enjoyable than politics."

Aside from writing, Sinclair's main pursuit these days is growing prize roses and irises in his Pasadena garden. He takes great pride in showing them to visitors.

"A full-length portrait of the South"—that is what International Publishers call Katherine du Pre Lumpkin's new volume, 'The South in Progress,' to be published very soon.

With a wealth of historical background that goes back to early slavery days, the main part of the book is devoted to conditions from 1927 to the present.

Two much-needed books are the coming attractions list of Houghton Mifflin.

No. 1 is a study of Mayor Hague of Jersey City, by Dayton David McKean, a professor at Dartmouth College.

Writing of 'The Complete Boss: Frank Hague and His Machine,' Professor McKean says: "The purpose of this book is not to view with alarm but rather to explain how this political leader and his associates came to dominate their community and to describe how their machine operates."

The other work is by Henry Seidel Canby and will be an interpretive biography of Walt Whitman. The work is to be a study of the social, spiritual, intellectual American of the 40's and 70's and will be called 'Walt Whitman's America.'

The volume, called 'Fighting Words,' in which Dashiell Hammett, Dorothy Parker, Vincent Sheean, H. V. Kaltenborn, have pooled their efforts, has been announced for July 18 by Harcourt, Brace, Editor of the book is Donald Ogden Stewart.

John Steinbeck was in New York recently, conferring with Pare Lorentis on his new picture about Mexico. . . . When Carl Sandburg recently got his honorary Harvard Litt. D., he was the only member of the academic procession not to wear a cap and gown. . . . He wore blue serge, gray felt hat. . . . Although 'Native Son' has gone off bookstore best seller lists, it is still listed as a best seller at the N. Y. public library. . . . Will Rogers' wife is writing his biography. . . .

### HONEYMOON FOR THREE

Lee Patrick, popular actress of the stage and screen, and William Orr, a relative newcomer who played his first featured role in 'My Love Came Back' have been added to the cast of the forthcoming Warner Bros. picture, 'Honeymoon for Three.' The picture is now in production with Ann Sheridan and George Brent in the leading roles.

## Antidote to Hollywood In Novel of Small Town

TAMARACK. By Edith Roberts. 348 pp. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill. \$2.50.

By George Bernard

It is no news to most of us that small town life in America is hardly as it is pictured on the screen in the Judge Hardy or Jones Family series; but, at a time when a heavy cloud of pro-capitalist, pro-war, anti-progressive propaganda is being drawn over the American scene, the recent publication of a revealing novel like 'Tamarack' is not to go unnoticed. Like the earlier and more courageous work of Sinclair Lewis, this new novel gives the lie to the prevailing humbug about provincial life in the U. S.

Edith Roberts' story is an incisive, well-written study of an entire town in the timber country of the Northwest, with particular focusing on the petty, malicious gossip so rife in small towns where a bankrupt economic system has left people with little better to do. Founded in the 1880's during a timber boom, Tamarack had been left high and dry after the surrounding country had been denuded by greedy lumber barons. At the present time, the inhabitants, for the most part, rely on a heavy tourist influx during the short summer to tide them through the long winter months of inactivity. With the wealth of the town centered in the hands of George Pfeiffer, saloon-keeper and grandson of one of the town's founders, and Grandma Suzannah Rayburn, 79-year-old matriarchal wife of the second of the two founders, who is postmistress, real estate monopolist, and owner of the leading general store, Tamarack is very much like a company town, run to please those who control its economic life.

### Many Penetrating Character Studies

Edith Roberts branches out into many biting and penetrating character studies of Tamarack natives and of summer vacationists who spend their money there, but she conserves her chief fire for the pitiful story of Addie Dooney Rayburn, widow of Suzannah Rayburn's scapegrace grandson, Benny. Grandma has an iron grip on the town economically; and is, as well, a tyrannical, self-righteous superintendant of morals. When Benny had defied parental authority and had married Addie Dooney, daughter of one of Tamarack's chronic unemployed—and an eighth Indian to boot—Benny had had the iron door closed on him by Grandma's intolerance. Benny had died, after providing Addie with five hungry children and little else. At 28, Addie is a bedraggled, overworked widow with a brood of small kids, dependent on Grandma's grudging allowance of \$25 monthly for subsistence.

But Addie, to Grandma's great displeasure, is young and human. She dares to break out of the bonds of "respectable" widowhood one summer, and has a brief physical contact with an emotionally-starved C. C. boy. One gray fall

## Dies Aim Is To Keep You from Righting Wrongs

Franklin D. says a third of us is ill this, ill these, and ill those. If I had a par that was one third that broke down, I'd be a willing to gamble on a new kind.

An outfit just can't get any more than one third healthy, without some body jumping up and discovering it. Usually, of course, this means the calaboose or jail house. But we just jump up, and innocently and ignorantly happen to discover the breakdown, and being good sports and hard workers, just sort of offer to help fix it, or to make a new one. This, of course, is what they hire the Dies Gang for, to keep you from spotting anything that's wrong, and to trail the daylight out of you for not putting on a big smile, and just setting there in the middle of the road, not moving a dabbard inch in either direction—with a big silly grin on your face, nodding gently and sweetly to all of the folks, and waiting for the dam thing to take you somewhere to dinner. It just ain't done.

—WOODY.

day, Addie awakes to find herself suffering from "morning sickness." It doesn't take Tamarack—and Grandma long to discover that Addie, widowed for the past two years, is going to have a baby, and that she doesn't even know the name of the father.

### Antidote to Hollywood

With this realistic situation as a springboard, Edith Roberts goes on to an unsparring, gripping description of what takes place in Tamarack after Grandma Rayburn cuts off Addie's stipend, and the young widow applies for county relief. Smug narrow-mindedness, petty viciousness, moral decay and intolerance—all spawned by a dying capitalist order—are exposed in no uncertain terms. Although 'Tamarack' fails to link explicitly the social ills of an average American small town with the economic ills of the entire country, it is a significant novel which spotlights the Pollyanna and fraud of Hollywood's sweetness-and-light version of rural life in America.

## Where the War Profits Go Shown in Peace Pamphlet

THE AGE OF TREASON, No. 2. "Who Wants War? Who Turns Peace Crusade, Los Angeles. Fourteen pages. Free.

If you have trouble convincing doubting friends that the imperialists make war to make money, and that the press, radio and movies are their instruments of propaganda, keep a copy of this second "Age of Treason" pamphlet in your pocket.

### Film Notes

Henry Fonda has been chosen by Twentieth Century-Fox for the title role in "Chad Hanna," a screen version of the Walter D. Edwards' best seller, for which Nunnally Johnson has prepared the script. Johnson will also act as Associate Producer and Henry King will direct.

Fonda has just completed work in the Technicolor production of 'The Return of Frank James.'

Basel Rathbone and Gale Sondergaard have been added to the cast of Twentieth Century-Fox's 'The Californian,' in which Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell have the romantic leads.

Arleen Whelan and George Montgomery, who were teamed by Twentieth Century-Fox in the latest Shirley Temple picture, 'Young People,' will be paired again by that company in 'Charter Pilot,' when Sol Wurtzel sends that picture into production soon.

Anne Baxter and Robert Conway, Twentieth Century-Fox players, have just had their contracts renewed by that company. Miss Baxter plays one of the feminine lead parts in the forthcoming picture 'The Great Profile,' starring John Barrymore and Robert Conway is currently working in Jane Withers' latest picture 'Youth Will Be Served.'

### THE STAGE

"Definitely worth seeing" . . . a constant source of high amusement. . . . 'THE MALE ANIMAL' By James Thurber and Elliott Nugent with ELLIOTT NUGENT. COURT Theatre, 123 St. St. 2-5068. Box 2-5068. WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY at 8:30. Air-Conditioned.

Statistics for the statistically-minded show the armament industries take during war as compared to peace. An increase of one hundred to six hundred per cent profit in wartime, is the obvious reason for the munitions makers' howl for war.

Since they preserve a perfect political impartiality and sell to both sides alike, they can't lose.

If your doubter doesn't go for figures, there are quotations from the Wall Street Journal which state that big business wants "a war active enough to stimulate the exports . . . yet not decisive enough to indicate an early end to the war."

Or again, from the Los Angeles Times: "Wall Street analysts said the buying movement (June 13) was closely tied on the belief that . . . industry would reap benefits from . . . production necessary to equip the United States for military preparedness."

Industry "reaps benefits," but labor has to "sacrifice its gains" in this great national emergency.

More pamphlets in this series are now in preparation and will be distributed from time to time.

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## 'Columbia Forecast' Show On WABC at 9 P.M.

Fredric March, Florence Eldridge, and Raymond Page and his orchestra feature premiere of "Columbia Forecast" show over WABC tonight at 9. . . . Goldman Band concert over WNYC at 8:30 tonight.

SHORTWAVE BAND	
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Voice of China—Chungking, China, 9:30 P.M. 15:5 Magyars.	
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## PERSONAL---BUT NOT PRIVATE

By DAVE FARRELL

### Dave Goes Back to '20 With the 'Robins' and 'Braves'

The French, when they were allowed to speak, had an innocent little adage which went like this: "Jamais deux saas trois."

This, in a catch-as-catch-can translation, can be taken to mean what with Brooklyn and Boston having played two marathon games of ball, it was a cinch that they'd come up with last week's 20-inning affair.

Imagine three games, one of 26 innings, another of 23 and a third of 20, all being played between the same two teams, Boston and Brooklyn. I know you're still chortling over the victory "they" won last week. And for some reason that I haven't quite fathomed, I'm going to assume that you remember the 23-inning of recent date. But I'm going to take it for granted that you don't recall the details of that record-breaking (for organized baseball, at least) 26 inning game between the same two clubs—played 20 years ago in the Hub.

To readers of papers like this a note of great clarity may register when I tell you that the game was played on May Day of 1920, a day I assure you that was "fraught with interest" all over the world. I wish I was one of these significant guys like Gold or Budenz and I'd tell you what was on the front pages of the papers then. But I'm not. The likes of me know my place. So I'll stick close to my trivia and leave realpolitik and weldschmerz to them as handle it in big league style. I'll tell you about that ball game.

#### Braves and Robins

For instance, did you know that two pitchers started and finished that game? They were Leon Cadore for the Robins and Joe Oeschger for the Braves. Yes, they were the Braves and Robins then. The Robins named for the late portly manager, Wilbert Robinson. They weren't "them Daffy Dodgers" then. Because they had a real ball club that year and guys like Babe Herman, Ike Boone, Clyde "Pea Ridge" Day, the hog-caller (what a creature!), hadn't come up as yet to plague Robins' last years. Max Carey and the guy whom my wife still refers to as "poor dear Casey."

But I'm digressing—as is my wont. So let's get down to business. The game went 26 innings to a score of 1-1. Brooklyn scored in the 5th, Boston in the 6th and for the next 20 innings there were nothing but goose-eggs hung up on the scoreboard. Up to about the 19th inning the Brave fans wanted to see a winner. But after that the fans were perfectly content to see a tie. Although in all honesty, Boston's Oeschger outpitched Brooklyn's Cadore, giving up but eight hits while his mates garnered 15 off the Robins pitcher. Nevertheless the fans wanted to see a record game and were impartial. Here's how they scored:

In the fifth Brooklyn's catcher, Ernie Krueger, drew a base on balls (Oeschger allowed only three passes in the entire triple header). Cadore, who was a pretty fair hand at bunting, laid down a perfect sacrifice putting Krueger on second. The catcher scored on the very next pitch when Irv Olson, the great little shortstop, slashed a single to center.

Boston was quick to retaliate and got back that marker—and almost the winning tally in its half of the sixth. With one away, Cruise, the Boston outfielder, hit a long triple. The next batter popped up, making two away. Cadore pitched carefully to second sacker Boeckel, but not quite carefully enough because with the count a ball and two strikes, Boeckel singled sharply, scoring Cruise with the tying run.

The next hitter was Rabbit Maranville, who hit the first pitch for a scorching line drive to right center. The hit sign had been on and Boeckel, breaking with the pitch, tried to score. But Wally Hood in right made a beautiful throw which Cadore cut off and relayed to Krueger who got Boeckel by an eye-lash. I'm delighted to record this beautiful play because Wally Hood is now umpiring in our Pacific Coast League and is a good friend of mine.

Although there was no more scoring for the day, there were a couple of occasions when it looked as though the game was about to end subtly, as it were. In the Brooklyn half of the 17th, the bases were full with one away. "Rowdy" Elliott, Brooklyn's other first string catcher who had come in to relieve Krueger in the 14th, slapped one right at Oeschger who knocked it down, fielded it and fired it at Hank Gowdy, forcing Zack Wheat at the plate. Gowdy, in his zeal to get a double play made a bad peg to Walter Holke at first base. Brooklyn's first sacker, Big Ed Konetchy, seeing the bad throw in rounding third, made a break for home. But Holke recovered in time to make a perfect peg to Gowdy, a rock of Gibraltar whom not even Koney could dump.

In the 19th it looked very much as though Boston was going to take the game. They too had the bases filled with but one away. Outfielder Pick slashed a hard one which looked good until Irv Olson, coming from nowhere, got his hand on it, lagged a runner and then threw to first base getting Pick by a heart-beat.

That was the last time anybody came even close to scoring. And by the time Umpire Hart and McCormack decided to call the game in the 26th, everybody agreed that neither pitcher deserved to lose that game.

Your bureau of decidedly unutilized statistics has this to report: Walter Holke set a record for put-outs for a single game getting 32 men at the initial sack. Koney himself didn't do so bad. He got 20.

#### OTHER AMERICAN LEAGUE SCORES

(First Game)  
Detroit ..... 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—2 8 2  
Philadelphia ..... 1 2 0 0 3 0 1 1 x—8 13 0  
Rowe, Seats (2), McKain (8) and Tabbetts; Vaughan and Hayes.

(Second Game)  
Detroit ..... 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0—2 9 2  
Philadelphia ..... 0 0 1 0 2 2 0 x—5 10 0  
Gorsica, Benton (7) and Sullivan; Potter and Hayes.

Cleveland ..... 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0—5 12 1  
Washington ..... 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 2 0—6 14 0  
Smith, Dobson (9) and Hemsley; Chase, Carrasquel (10) and Ferrell.

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Difficulties Prevented  
Late Baseball Write-ups  
Today But We'll  
Summarize Tomorrow

## Jenkins Money Brings Odds Down to 9-5

### WILL THEY REALLY MEET?



Here's Arturo Godoy giving Jack Dempsey a friendly tap on the chin at the Chilean's training camp when he was working towards that Joe Louis fight. Jack didn't show much in his abbreviated match and Godoy didn't do so well against Louis, if you recall, but that isn't stopping the rumors that the former heavy king wants to cash in on his reputation and take on the South American in his home country. If the fight takes place the rugged Arturo will have the redoubtable honor of claiming a win over the 45-year-old Dempsey, plus a bit of coin, while Jack will have the coin plus a probable stay in a local hospital.

## Durocher --- Reason For Dodger Success

Without Outstanding Stars the Brooks Are Still  
Up There Battling the Reds for the League Lead  
and Stand a Good Chance to Win

What's supporting the Brooklyn Dodgers?  
That's the question being asked by the heavy thinkers around the baseball circuit.

The records show the Dodgers sixth in club batting, with only the second division Pirates and Cardinals below them, and seven in club fielding, with only the last-place Phillies worse. In playing personnel the Dodgers have only one man who's the acknowledged top performer at his position—Joe Medwick in left field and even he isn't the Medwick of old.

Pete Coscarart at second, Dolf Camilli at first, Cookie Lavagetto at third, and Babe Phelps behind the bat rank with the best, but that about covers the Dodgers in stellar ball players. On the pitching staff only Whit Wyatt was picked on the National League all-star club, for the most part the Brooklyn pitching staff is made up of rejuvenated veterans and hurlers with more heart than natural ability.

Yet the Dodgers are right up there, battling the champion Reds for the pennant, with a club that can't be called at best anything more than good. In fact, from day to day the Dodgers themselves

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## Irv Eldridge Favored in Bronx Tonite

Meets Tommy Spiegel at  
Starlight—Seltzer in  
Semi Bout With Rossi

Irving Eldridge, ringwise and sharp-shooting young Bronx lightweight, will be very much on the spot tonight when he faces the fist fire of Tommy Spiegel, the miracle fighter from Uniontown, Pa., in the ten-round feature match at Starlight Park, adjacent to the Bronx Coliseum (where the show will be held if rain interferes).

Commissioners Phelan, Brown and Wear, to watch him operate against Spiegel, and Irving's legion of followers hope that the sock solons will be satisfied with Irving's performance.

On his showing against Spiegel depends whether Irving will remain in the running with Pete Lollo for a shot at Lew Jenkins' lightweight title. At this writing, Eldridge and Lollo, have been accepted by the New York State Athletic Commission as the two lightweights best qualified and entitled to a shot at Jenkins' lightweight crown, and it has been suggested to them that they fight each other in a fifteen round elimination bout at 135 pounds. Eldridge, through his loquacious spokesman, Silent Joe Gross, has agreed to meet Lollo on a percentage basis, but Izzy Klein, who talks and signs for Chicago Pete, has demanded a flat of \$25,000, with a 27½ privilege for such a match, thus delaying the signing of the match.

Promoter Jimmy Bronson and matchmaker Billy Brown, are in the field for an Eldridge-Lollo match, but all they will pay is 45% of the net gate. However, if Eldridge, who recently stopped Pat Foley and dethroned Jimmy Vaughn and Frankie Wallace, "blows" to Spiegel, Irving will have to start all over again.

Spiegel's ability is well known hereabouts. He has always pleased Primo Flores and Johnny Bellus were whipped by Tommy here, Sammy Angott was twice whipped in Pittsburgh and Bob Montgomery, sustained his only setback by Spiegel, in Philly.

Jimmy Casa, Yorkville's undefeated middleweight, meets Johnny Flores, Texas, and Aaron Seltzer, Bronx featherweight, opposes Jimmy Rossi, West Side, in six rounds. Morris Reif meets Tony Amico, Tony Volton faces Tony Rucore, and Frankie Rosano meets Frankie Velez in four.

players, day and night, right or wrong.

Because of the lack of outstanding talent, Durocher has to do a lot of master-minding and gambling. He's made Bill Terry look like an amateur when those two have squared off against each other and matched "inside baseball."

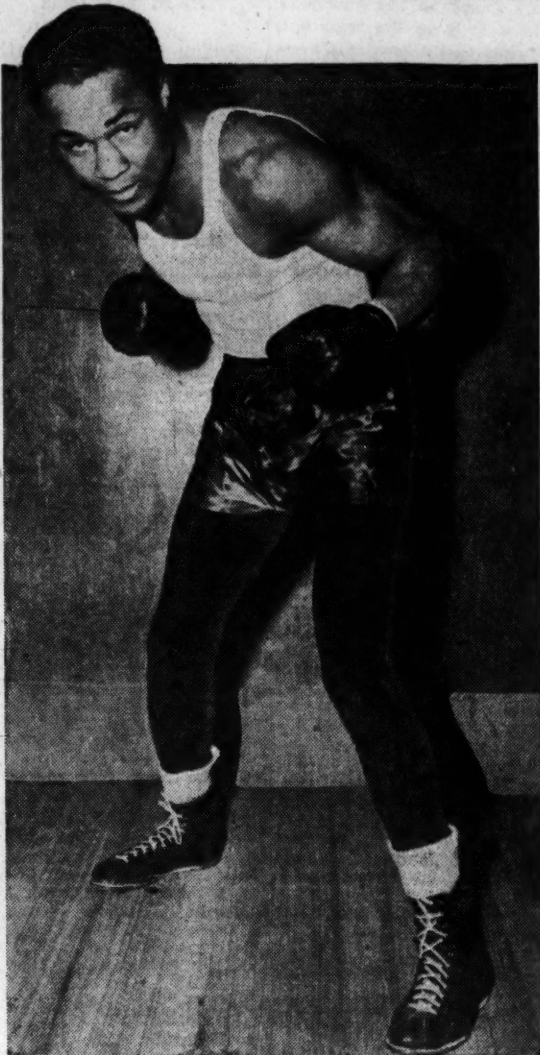
Durocher has had unusual success pulling unorthodox plays, and making them work. For instance, Durocher has tried the squeeze play with the bases filled, and when it didn't work, ordered his batter to hit with a resultant home run. He's juggled pitchers right and left. He's shifted his line-up countless times. Confronted with as many problems as any manager in the league, Durocher is bringing a lot of plain and fancy masterminding to his job but he's keeping the Dodgers up there.

And it shouldn't be forgotten in touting Durocher a few positives that he's working for Larry MacPhail, who isn't the easiest boss in the world to please. The records show that the farther Durocher gets away from MacPhail the better he manages. Before today's game the Dodgers' road record was 26 won and 8 lost as compared with a home record of 19 and 16—U. P.—G. K.

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**HENRY ARMSTRONG**, "perpetual motion" fighter, one-time holder of three championships and current welter king, strikes the pose that struck fear into many a rugged opponent's heart. They claim that Hank is slowing up. Maybe. We'll find out the day after tomorrow when he tangles with lightweight king Lew Jenkins in the Polo Grounds.

## Big League Scores

**LOCALS**  
Fitzsimmons Registers 200th Win  
In Nightcap Against Bucs

(First Game)  
BROOKLYN ..... 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0—2 5 2  
Pittsburgh ..... 0 0 1 2 1 2 0 0 x—6 10 3  
Hamlin, Kimball (5), Tamulis (7) and Phelps; Sewell and Davis.

(Second Game)  
BROOKLYN ..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0—2 9 0  
Pittsburgh ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 4 2  
Fitzsimmons and Mancuso; Heintzelman, Lanning (9) and Lopez.

(First Game)—13 innings  
N. Y. .... 0 1 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0—5 15 1  
Chicago ..... 0 1 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 0 0—1 6 17 1  
Schumacher, Joiner (7), Dean (7) and Danning; Lee, Root (5), Passeau (8) and Hartnett, Todd (8).

(Second Game)  
NEW YORK ..... 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0—2 6 0  
Chicago ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 7 1  
Lohrman and Danning; Raffensberger, Page (9) and Todd.

Chicago ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 4 4  
NEW YORK ..... 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 x—4 11 0  
Lee and Tresh; Ruffing and Rosar.

#### OTHER SCORES

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
(Second Game)  
Philadelphia ..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1 4 2  
Cincinnati ..... 0 1 2 0 0 2 0 x—7 7 0  
Beck, Smoll (3) and Warren; Moore and Hershberger.

(First Game)  
Philadelphia ..... 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 10 1  
Cincinnati ..... 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3 7 1  
Higbe and Atwood; Turner and Lombardi.

(First Game)  
Boston ..... 0 0 4 0 0 1 0 0 2—7 12 1  
St. Louis ..... 2 0 1 0 0 4 0 1 x—8 14 2  
Piechota, Strincevich (6), Coffman (8) and Berres; Shoun, Hutchinson (3) and Owen.

(Second Game)—Called end of seventh—Sunday law  
St. Louis ..... 0 1 0 0 1 1 0—3 11 1  
Boston ..... 1 1 1 0 3 1 0—7 9 0  
Harris, Lawson (Y) and Susce, Swift (6); Galehouse and Peacock.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
(First Game)—11 innings  
St. Louis ..... 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 0 0—4 10 0  
Boston ..... 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—5 11 0  
Kennedy and Swift; Grove, Dickman (9) and Desautels, Peacock (9).

## Armstrong Favored Tho Lew Backed Heavily

Experts Say Henry Has  
Slipped Since 1938 Peak  
—Remember Louis?

By Jack Cuddy  
(By United Press)

A flood of Texas money yesterday shortened the price to 9-5 favoring Henry Armstrong to beat Lew Jenkins in their "battle of champions" at the Polo Grounds Wednesday night.

Price-maker Eddie Borden revealed that one Texas oil man has wagered \$30,000 within the past 24 hours that lightweight champion Jenkins, pride of the lone star state will upset the odds with victory over Armstrong, the welterweight king.

Borden said: "There's so much Texas money coming in on Jenkins that they'll probably go into the ring at 7-5 or 6-5. I've never seen anything like it. The Texans are going to town on Jenkins, not only because of pride in their home boy, but because Armstrong apparently has gone stale in training. For this latter reason a lot of the smart-money boys from Broadway are swinging in with the Texans."

Borden added that the price has lengthened to even money against Armstrong scoring a knockout, and has shortened to 3-1 against Jenkins registering to kayo. Two days ago it was 5-1 against a Jenkins' knockout.

Meanwhile Armstrong continued the big question mark in this 12-round non-title tilt—pugilism's second battle between two champions in which neither crown is at stake. The first engagement of this sort was staged at New York in July, 1900, when Terry McGovern, featherweight champ, knocked out the lightweight king, Frank Erne, in three rounds. McGovern tried to claim the lightweight crown, but it was disallowed because he had forced Erne to pare down to 128 pounds. Hence it was regarded as a handicap match.

This too is a handicap match since the contracts call for welter Armstrong to come in at less than 140 pounds, and since the boxing commission is forcing Jenkins to scale over his lightweight limit of 135.

Armstrong is the question mark because virtually all of the experts agree that he has slipped since his peak year, 1938, when he wore simultaneously the world's welter, lightweight and feather crowns.

Just how far he has slipped, at 27½ nobody knows. During the past week of training at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., hurricane Hank has appeared stale. Whether this staleness is genuine is another problem. Armstrong's handlers indicate that Henry was on edge for the fight two weeks ago, but that too much work since then has made him dull.

They point out that Armstrong already has had six fights this year, his last on June 21 when he scored a third-round knockout over Paul Junior at Bangor, Me. Hence he should have rested a while before starting to train. Instead, he plunged right into intensive preparations when already close to fighting edge. He registered 138½ pounds on the commission's scales last Wednesday. But with artful Eddie Mead in the background, we can't be sure about this staleness until we see Armstrong in serious action at the Polo Grounds.

Jenkins, at 23, is "coming"—improving each month under the canny guidance of manager Hy-mie Caplin. Well rested after his last fight on May 10, when he took the lightweight crown from rugged Lou Ambers with a third-round knockout, has been impressive in training at Grossinger Lake, N. Y. He has sharpened his "delayed" punches and improved notably his left hook and his infighting. Unquestionably he is the hardest punching lightweight since the hey-day of Benny Leonard.

With the bout shaping up as the greatest "natural" among small men since the Leonard-Tender brawls of '22 and '23, the ticket sale is booming, and promoter Mike Jacobs expects a gate of at least \$50,000.